



## COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

*Meeting Summary*  
September 11, 2013

**Members Present:** David Anderson, Shari Argue, Dana Bell, Noelle Dayal, Jane de Winter, Sharika Dhar, David Edimo, Tom Grazio, Stuart Grossman, Jennifer Harris, Carson Henry, Lindsay Hoffman, Josiah Holmes, Nancy Kaplan, Zach Khan, Elsa Lakew, Alies Muskin, Tami Niodomanski, Elizabeth Ortega-Lohmeyer, Roberta Rinker, Terri Schuster, Vicki Stearn, Deatrice Williams, Stephanie Williams, Don Wynne, Mary Gies (staff)

**Members Absent:** Alisa Smedley

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Jane de Winter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and welcomed the Commission's new members.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

*Reading and Approval of June Meeting Minutes* – Deatrice Williams made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. Lindsay Hoffman seconded the motion. The full Commission voted to approve the motion.

*Reading and Approval of the 2012 – 2013 Annual Report* – Stuart Grossman motioned to approve the Commission on Children and Youth's 2012 – 2013 Annual Report. Tami Niodomanski seconded the motion. The full Commission voted to approve the motion.

### **CHARGE TO COMMITTEES**

Ms. de Winter adjourned the full Commission so that the standing committees could meet and continue to plan their work for the year. She asked each committee to keep in mind how they could add value on their issues of interest and the timeframe in which the Commission works as it plans its tasks and activities.

The Commission then broke into its standing committees and each group continued to work to advance its action plan.

### **Committee Meetings and Reports**

*Out-of-School Time Success* – The Committee discussed methods for increasing participation on the out-of-school time program provider survey. The Commission will re-launch the survey on October 10, 2013.

*Social Media Literacy* – The Committee is working on narrowing its scope of work. Potential areas of focus include: Safety and privacy, appropriate posting, avoiding ‘brain drain’ and procrastination, parent education and involvement, and use of existing research.

*Youth Having a Voice* – Using its planning outline as a guide, the Committee ran through its tasks from its last meeting and provided updates.

The next Youth Having a Voice Roundtable will take place on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the Youth Activities Center Gym, National Center for Children and Families, 6301 Greentree Road, Bethesda, MD 20817. Committee members are in the process of confirming participants. The Commission will develop questions at the October 9, 2013 meeting. Roberta Rinker and Stuart Grossman will work together to schedule a facilitator training for the Commission’s youth members.

### **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

*Tour de Cookie* – Tom Grazio, Director, Tree House Child Assessment Center of Montgomery County, showed a brief video highlighting the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Tour de Cookie in April 2013, at which the Commission hosted a cookie stand. He announced that the 2014 Tour de Cookie will take place on April 26. The Commission plans to participate again.

*Poster Contest* – The Commission reviewed its plans to sponsor an “Are You A 10?” Stress Scale Poster Contest in Montgomery County Public Schools middle schools in the fall of 2013.

*County Council Health and Human Services Committee Worksession with B/C/Cs* – The Commission verbally developed and voted to approve a statement to be presented at the County Council Health and Human Services Committee Worksession with B/C/Cs. Staff will draft a written statement and circulate it electronically for comment.

*B/C/C Quarterly Leadership Meeting with Uma Ahluwalia* – The Commission reviewed the reporting form that Jane de Winter will present at the September 23, 2013 B/C/C Quarterly Leadership Meeting with Uma Ahluwalia. Members were asked to send comments to staff by Friday, September 13, 2013.

*Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service* – The Commission decided to participate in the County’s 2014 MLK, Jr. Day of Service on January 20, 2014. The group plans to sponsor a Duffel Bag and Toiletry Kit Drive at each high school represented by its youth members and then host two tables at the Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center on January 20<sup>th</sup>, where volunteers will assemble toiletry kits and stuff duffel bags with items for children being placed out-of-home. The goal is to supply the Child Welfare Services office on Piccard Drive and each satellite office with a supply of bags to hand out to children at the time of out-of-home placement so the children have basic necessities and are not transporting their belongings in a trash bag or a book bag.

**Announcements and Public Agency Reports**

*Montgomery County Department of Recreation* - Elizabeth Ortega-Lohmeyer reported that the World of Montgomery Festival, which celebrates the diverse cultural heritages that play an active role in the lives of Montgomery County residents and communities, will take place on October 20, 2013 at Westfield Wheaton (Wheaton Plaza). She also announced that the Montgomery County Thanksgiving Parade will take place on November 23, 2013 in Silver Spring.

*Montgomery County Public Schools* - Tami Niedomanski announced that the School-Community United in Partnership (SCUP) Conference, "*Building Communities of Well-Being*" will take place on Friday, September 27, 2013 from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM at the Universities at Shady Grove.

*School Health Services, HHS* - Terri Schuster reported that four new health and wellness centers are opening this fall.

Prior to adjourning, the Commission discussed taking more action to broaden its outreach for new members, particularly youth members.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.