



**Commission on Children and Youth
Meeting Summary
February 12, 2020**

Members Present: Kirsten Andersen, Shruti Bhatnagar, Stephanie Clark, Leslie Copeland-Tune, Luciana Crotti-Espinoza, Karen Duffy, Itamar Fiorino, Lynne Harris, Joseph Hooks, Alex Kern, Victoria Koretsky, Renae McPherson, Stephanie Nesmith, Ijeoma Okoro, Jeanett Peralta, Julie Reiley, Shané Tate and Pamela Taylor

Members Absent: Uma Fox, Jerome Jackson, Andrea Shore and Ashley Thommana

Staff Present: Erin Stillwell (DHHS)

Kirsten Andersen, chair, called the full commission meeting to order at 7:06 pm

Chair Updates:

- **Thank You:** Thank you to all commissioner who helped make the 13th Annual Youth Having a Voice Roundtable a tremendous success! Thank you to the youth commissioners for doing a wonderful job facilitating the conversations.
- **Member Updates:**
 - Eugene Jackson, youth representative, has resigned from his position on the CCY
 - Lynne Harris will be running for MC Board of Education; Lynne is aware that she is not able to use her position on the CCY to promote her candidacy with the BOE

Meeting Summary Review and Vote: Review and vote of January 8, 2020 meeting summary

ACTION: Motion to approve the minutes from January 8, 2020 meeting
Motion: Jeanett Peralta
Seconded: Shané Tate
All in favor

Past Commission Business

- **Debrief from Youth Having A Voice Roundtable Event**
 - **Youth:** felt that event was a success; will create a summative report that can be shared with stakeholders

- **Adults:** Youth did an outstanding job; circle conversations were very natural; worked well with youth facilitators moving from room to room
- **Recommendations for next year:** simplify question using terms that all aged youth can understand; use smaller rooms for conversations; integrate youth commissioners into the conversations by having them sit in the circle; on exit poll-identify schools in dot colors; do an ice breaker in the beginning of each group
- **34th Annual Dworkin Awards**
 - May 21, 2020 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 - Johns Hopkins University, Rockville Campus
 - Application process: move to an online process with 2 letters of support
 - Possibility of ad hoc selection committee meeting week of April 13th via conference call to make final selection (final date will be selected at next CCY meeting)
 - Commissioner are encouraged to locate youth talent and photographer

Subcommittee Break Out Sessions

Subcommittee Report Outs

- **Law Enforcement/Youth:** discussing law enforcement and relation to youth; different angles to view this issue; misrepresentation of youth; recommendations to increase training in adolescent development; proactive approach to making officers and youth more friendly to each other; more proactive in the middle school; looking at racial and cultural competency
- **Question for Captain Pruitt: program at Walter Johnson; specialized training for SRO who work with youth who have special needs**
- **School Diversity:** refined focus on specialized programs that combat bias, working on recommendations; working on possibly having a guest speaker from Kindred
- **Youth Advisory/Leadership:** spoke about the roundtable; pedestrian safety; Ashley has reached out to Wade Holland to see if he is able to attend next meeting (will refine some of the questions); focus on Vision Zero

Announcements:

Commissioners shared community outreach events and announcements

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm