



Board and Commission on Children and Youth

February 11, 2026, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting on Teams

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Agenda

1. Call to Order and Teams/Zoom Protocols
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Review and Approval of Minutes
4. Framing and Refining the Annual Report Recommendations
5. Discussion: Breakout Sessions: Developing Recommendation Areas
6. Youth Commission Updates
7. Dworking Award Discussion
8. Other business
9. Adjournment and next meeting update

Alternate timed agenda format

| Time | Item | Speaker |
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| 6:30 p.m. | Call to order Welcome and Introductions | Michael Jimenez, Chair |
| 6:35 p.m. | Review and Approval of Minutes | Michael Jimenez, Chair |
| 6:38 p.m. | Discussion of Annual Report Recommendation Areas | Michael Jimenez, Chair |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the three proposed topic areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access, navigation, and awareness of youth and family supports • A countywide youth resilience policy and shared vision • Positive youth development systems, including safe spaces, trusted adults, and trauma-informed care • Determine whether these three areas sufficiently capture the Commission’s priorities, or whether a fourth category should be added or if the three should be rearranged • Clarify scope and intent for each topic area | |
| 7:10 p.m. | <p>Breakout Sessions:</p> <p>Commissioners will break into rooms, each focused on one recommendation area. <u>You will choose your topic area!</u> If we have too many people in one topic area, the Chair may ask you to change your topic.</p> | Jameela Hyland, DHHS staff |
| 7:20 p.m. | Work session instructions: | Michael Jimenez, Chair, and Committee members |

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| | <p>Breakout Goals (each group should (1) choose a leader and (2) choose a note taker):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin solidifying the focus and scope of the topic area • Identify what data, findings, and insights the Commission already has • Identify gaps: additional data, speakers, research, or expertise needed • Assign initial research and information-gathering responsibilities among group members • Come up with two questions for the Youth Voice Roundtable for their topic area <p>Guiding Questions for Breakouts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What problem are we trying to solve within this topic area? • What have we already learned that should inform recommendations? • What additional information or perspectives do we need to move forward? • Who will take the lead on gathering what? • What input do we need from youth to help inform our policy recommendations? <p>Breakout Reports and Next Steps (7:45pm)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each group provides a brief report-out: • Key takeaways • Identified data gaps • Proposed next steps • Group discussion to align efforts and identify overlaps or synergies | |
| 8:00 p.m. | <p>Youth Commission Updates: Annual Youth Roundtable Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on planning for the Youth Voice Roundtable • Discussion of format, timing, location, and focus areas | Youth Commissioners |
| 8:15 | <p>Nancy Dworkin Award Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine members of Selection Committee • Ask your networks for nominations / upcoming decisions | |
| 8:30 p.m. | Adjournment | |

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