



**Commission on Children and Youth**  
**Meeting Summary-Approved**  
**September 11, 2019**

**Members Present:** Kirsten Andersen, Stephanie Clark, Leslie Copeland-Tune, Karen Duffy, Itamar Fiorino, Jerome Jackson, Victoria Koretsky, Renae McPherson, Jeanett Peralta and Ashley Thommana

**Members Absent:** Shruti Bhatnagar, Luciana Crotti-Espinoza, Lynne Harris, Joseph Hooks, Assya Pascalev, Chloe Perez, Pamela Taylor

**Guests Present:** Julie Reiley

**Staff Present:** Erin Stillwell (DHHS)

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**Kirsten Andersen, chair, called the full commission meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.**

**Introductions and Chair's Updates**

- Thank you to those who assisted with the new commissioner interviews
- October 10, 2019 8:30 a.m. HHS Committee Priorities Presentation

**Meeting Summary Review and Vote:** Reviewed and vote on June 12, 2019 meeting summary/annual planning retreat summary

**ACTION:** Motion to approve the minutes from June 12, 2019 Annual Planning Retreat

Motion: Karen Duffy

Seconded: Jeanett Peralta

All in favor

**Brainstorming for Commission Year Activities/Events**

- MLK Day of Service
  - Ideas for partnering with Ride On to get youth enrolled in Youth Cruiser Smart Trip
  - Partner with other organizations and/or commissions
  - Move locations; Strathmore Concert
  - Have adult commissioners take an active role in the planning/execution
- Youth Having A Voice Roundtable
  - Mid to Upcounty: New Wheaton Community Center
  - Find a more central location

- Smaller groups with facilitators; youth and adult commissioners
- February 6, 2020 possible date

## **Review and Vote of Mental Health Subcommittee Recommendations**

**ACTION:** Motion to approve the mental health subcommittee recommendations

Motion: Jeanett Peralta

Seconded: Itamar Fiorino

All in favor

## **Subcommittee Breakouts**

### **Subcommittee Report Out**

- Youth Subcommittee: Brainstorming ideas for youth subcommittee work
- Law Enforcement: New name: “Strengthening youth and law enforcement relationships” Nominated Co-Chairs: Stephanie and Ashley
- School Diversity: Looking at boundary lines, special programs, factors that impact school diversity, benefits for school diversity; Co-Chairs: Itamar/Victoria and Jeanett

### **Announcements and Community Events**

- New Wheaton Rec Center and Library is open
- October 31<sup>st</sup> Trunk or Treat, Civic Center Plaza hosted by Leaders Institute, Canned Food Drive
- EveryMind 5K, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am, Rockville Town Square
- YMCA, Welcoming Week, YMCA are open to everyone the week of September 15<sup>th</sup>
- Immunizations: free clinics for MCPS students; three county clinics are providing free immunizations
- Silver Chips, Blair HS Newspaper, Fundraiser on the 27th

### **Adjournment**

Retreat was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.