



Commission on Children and Youth Meeting Summary December 11, 2019

Members Present: Kirsten Andersen, Shruti Bhatnagar, Stephanie Clark, Luciana Crotti-Espinoza, Itamar Fiorino, Lynne Harris, Joseph Hooks, Jerome Jackson, Alex Kern, Victoria Koretsky, Stephanie Nesmith, Ijeoma Okoro, Jeanett Peralta, Julie Reiley, Andrea Shore and Ashley Thommana

Members Absent: Leslie Copeland-Tune, Karen Duffy, Uma Fox, Eugene Jackson, Alex Kern, Renae McPherson, Shane' Tate and Pamela Taylor

Staff Present: Erin Stillwell (DHHS)

Kirsten Andersen, chair, called the full commission meeting to order at 7:08 pm

Introduction of Commissioner Members: *What brought you to the CCY?*

Meeting Summary Review and Vote: Review and vote of November 13, 2019 meeting summary

ACTION: Motion to approve the minutes from November 13, 2019

Motion: Lynne Harris

Seconded: Jerome Jackson

All in favor

Past Commission Business:

- MLK Day of Service
 - Members of CCY who want to participate will join together on MLK Day of Service; Commissioner who are interested

- Youth Having a Voice Roundtable
 - Location: TBD (Jerome will continue to work with Dept. of Rec to locate a space); also, possibly Gaithersburg HS, Watkins Mill HS and Silver Spring Civic Building
 - Structure for the Evening: Break out into three groups; youth commissioners would facilitate in pairs with each group; will need 2 scribes for each group; facilitators would rotate from room to room

Subcommittee Report Out

- **Law Enforcement/Youth:** brainstormed questions for guest speakers (Capt. Pruitt and Elijah Wheeler); how the police department and organizations can collaborate (such as the Collaboration Council)
- **Diverse Schools:** refined focus and developed 3 questions for the roundtable

- **Youth Advisory/Leadership:** topic for the year is pedestrian safety and the transportation; how to make school zones safer

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm