



Commission on Children and Youth Annual Planning Retreat June 13, 2018

Members Present: Cecily Adams, Kirsten Andersen, Shruti Bhatnagar, Leslie Copeland-Tune, Karen Duffy, Lynne Harris, Debbie Iwanczuk, Jerome Jackson, Elizabeth McGlynn, Renae McPherson, Chloe Perez, and Eric Rossen

Members Absent: Assya Pascalev

Guest Present: Brenda Brooks (Liaison to Commission on Health) and Kathy Roberts (Social Work Intern at YMCA)

Staff Present: Erin Stillwell (DHHS)

Kirsten Andersen, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Chair's Update

- Kirsten Andersen and Karen Duffy were welcomed as the new chair and vice chair for the CCY
- Kirsten thanked Elizabeth McGlynn, Cecily Adams and Shruti Bhatnagar for their past service as chair and co-vice chairs

Commission Business (Erin Stillwell, Staff Liaison to CCY)

- CCY members are reminded to complete all mileage and dependent care reimbursement requests by the close of the meeting (6.13.18)
- CCY members are asked to update their contact information for the coming commission year (contact sheets passed around to commissioners)
- Members are needed to help facilitate interviews for new applicants to the CCY
 - Elizabeth, Chloe, Karen, Cecily and Jerome all volunteered to assist with interviews
 - Once applications are received from the BCC office, Erin will contact the volunteers to schedule interviews

Commission Retreat Goals and Priorities Discussion

- Discussion about goals for the retreat
- Reviewed the mission and roles of the CCY

Priorities Discussion and Value Vote

- Commissioners were provided the opportunity to offer suggestions for the priority topics for the new commission year

Suggestions included:

- Continuation of the mental health/wellness priority
- Disproportionate minority contact (inequitable discipline)
- Suicide prevention
- Gangs (connectedness and recruitment)
- Youth employment
- Community dialogue (creating space for courageous conversations)
- Advocacy (continue examining themes from past CCY years)
- Homelessness and youth
- School violence and keeping kids safe
- DACA and unaccompanied youth
- Commissioners who proposed priorities had the opportunity to provide some brief background on their suggested topic
- Commissioners were provided the opportunity to vote for their top two priorities:
 - Final value vote included:
 - School violence and keeping kids safe in schools (during school and afterschool)
 - Continuation of the mental wellness priority and work of subcommittee
- Commissioners will form new subcommittees at the September 12th meeting and write statements for the top two priorities
- Full CCY will have the opportunity to vote on the final priorities and priority statements

Subcommittee Breakout Session

- “Promoting Mental Wellness” and “Youth Who Are Undocumented” subcommittees met to discuss recommendations for annual report
- Subcommittee will work to finalize their recommendation during the summer recess and prepare to present rough draft(s) of recommendations at September 12th meeting

Exit Card

- Each commissioner was provided an exit card at the adjournment of the CCY retreat
- Questions on card included: 1) subcommittee preference for new commission and 2) recommendation/suggestions for making next commission year a success

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.