



Commission on Children and Youth Meeting Summary October 11, 2017

Members Present: Kirsten Andersen, Liany Arroyo, Owoade Ayorinde, Shruti Bhatnagar, William Chen, Dr. Leslie Copeland-Tune, Cecily Darden Adams, Karen Duffy, Lynne Harris, Debbie Iwanczuk, Rachel Kavanagh, Stella Masucci, Elizabeth McGlynn, Assya Pascalev, Sinclair Redding, Eric Rossen,

Members Absent: Quajalyn Amos, Noor Alsulihat, Annieka Attah, Serena Debesai, Laura Espinoza, Nora Ludden, Chloe Perez and Carolyn Tamarkin

Staff Present: Erin Stillwell (DHHS)

Guest Present: Brenda Brooks, Commission on Health Liaison

Elizabeth Mc Glynn, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction of Newest Commission Members

Minutes: Review of meeting minutes from September 13, 2017

ACTION: Meeting minutes were approved; no changes

Discussion about Commission Year Calendar and Events

Events to Consider:

- Youth Having a Voice Roundtable
- Dworkin Awards
- “Mully” Movie Screening
- Tour de Cookie
- MCPS Budget Testimony
- County Council Budget Hearing

Possible Dates for Events:

- May 24th Possible Dates for Dworkin Awards
- Late January 2018 and February 2018 Youth Having A Voice Roundtable
 - Week of January 29th and/or February 5th
- Tour de Cookie May 5, 2018
- MLK Day of Service January 15, 2018
- Collaboration Council “Many Voices for Smart Choices” public education forums (October 21, 2017)

Discussion about CCY's Two Priorities

Priority #1: Mental Health:

- Raymond Crowel met with providers in the community (strategic alignment); used SAMSHA 8 dimensions phases of wellness
- Look at Access? Awareness? Crisis Space?
- Age range: Transition Age Youth (16-24 y.o. who are not attending school, not employed and/or not economically connected to the community).

Priority #2: Undocumented Children and Youth:

- Need to be proactive (not reactive) to what decisions are being made
- Recommend options leaders could take to make schools feel safe (engagement with leadership of MCPS?)
 - Fear/anxiety about ICE and how will students know that they are "safe" at school
 - Community does not feel safe and trusting
- Need to engage partners and create a collective initiative

At next full CCY meeting (11/8/17) subcommittees will meet to begin discussion their workplans for the year.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.