



**Commission on Children and Youth  
Meeting Summary-Approved  
January 9, 2019**

**Members Present:** Cecily Adams, Kirsten Andersen, Shruti Bhatnagar, Leslie Copeland-Tune, Luciana Crotti-Espinoza, Itamar Fiorino, Lynne Harris, Joseph Hooks, Jerome Jackson, Victoria Koretsky, Renae McPherson, Talia Negin, Assya Pascalev, Jeanett Peralta, Chloe Perez, Eric Rossen, Pamela Taylor and Ashley Thommana

**Members Absent:** Stephanie Clark, Karen Duffy and Renae McPherson

**Guests Present:** Desiree de la Torre (Liaison to Commission on Health)

(Guest Present at Youth Advisory Subcommittee: Tommy Heyboer, *Councilmember Riemer's Office*; Sean Emerson, *Councilmember Hucker's Office*; Valeria Carranza, *Councilmember Glass' Office*; Phil McLaughlin, *Ride On*; JoAnn Barnes, *Chief of Children, Youth and Families*; Desiree de la Torre; Dr. Barbara Andrews, Administrator, Early Childhood Services

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

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

Welcome and introduction of commissioners and guests

- Desiree de la Torre, Liaison from Commission on Health

Chair's Update

- Working to establish a time for the executive committee to meet via teleconference; possible recommended time is 4:00 on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month

**ACTION:** Motion to approve the minutes from December 12, 2018 full commission meeting

Motion by: Shruti Bhatnagar

Seconded by: Jeanett Peralta

All in Favor

**MLK Day of Service**

- Sign-up sheet was passed around at the meeting for commissioners to sign up to volunteer at the event
- Youth commissioners are working to finalize their service project idea (wellness bags)

- Completed wellness bags will be brought to the February commission meeting and those commissioners that work with youth/youth serving agencies will distribute
- Lynne Harris has agreed to be the point of contact for the event

### **Youth Having a Voice Roundtable Planning**

- Commissioners should continue to circulate the invitation and send names of possible participants and guest to Erin
- Discussed inviting youth to the roundtable who want to observe, but not participate (have them seated in an outer circle? Have them complete an exit summary to win a prize? Have them respond to questions via polling device?)
- Subcommittees will work on finalizing questions for roundtable
- Joseph recommended having music playing when youth arrive to make them feel more comfortable
- Commissioner are each asked to provide 1-2 \$10 gift cards that can be provided to the roundtable participants as a token of appreciation

### **Subcommittee Report-Outs:**

- **School Safety:** Revised questions for the roundtable; collecting data that will help support initiative; maybe building service workers, coaches, out of school time providers (those who are there when incidents occur out of school time)
- **Mental Health and Wellness:** Revised questions and considered wording that would be used at the roundtable; generated questions for Dr. Edward Spector
- **Youth Advisory/Leadership:** discussed finding from data collection on student Smart cruiser smart trip card

### **Announcements:**

- MCCPTA mental health forum scheduled for Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>
- March 29<sup>th</sup> YMCA sponsoring “Mom Prom” event at Silver Spring Civic Building
- Richard Mont. H.S. will be having their “one act” plays on February 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.