



Commission on Children and Youth Meeting Summary February 8, 2017

Members Present: Cecily Adams, Annieka Attah, Dana Bell, Shruti Bhatnagar, Dr. Leslie Copeland-Tune, Laura Espinoza, Elias Gonzalez, Lynne Harris, Carson Henry, Lindsay Hoffman, April Kaplan, Rachel Kavanagh, Nora Ludden, Tami Niedomanski, Elizabeth Mc Glynn, Dr. Angela Mickalide and Minh Nguyen, Roberta Rinker, Sinclair Redding

Members Absent: Quajalyn Amos, Noor Alsulaihat, Shari Argue, Gina Brown, and Adriane Clutter

Guests: Isabelle Schoenfeld, Odile Brunetto (Commission on Aging)

Staff Present: Erin Stillwell (DHHS)

Lindsay Hoffman, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Introduction of Guest Speakers:

Isabelle Schoenfeld and Odile Brunetto from Commission on Aging

Summary of Presentation by Ms. Brunetto and Ms. Schoenfeld:

- COA Structure: Full Commission meetings with 4 committees; 25-29 commissioners; meeting one time a month as full commission and one time a month for committees
- Area Agency on Aging (Odile Brunetto): Congressional mandate to serve those adults 60 years and older
- Review the budget with each Councilmember annually
- Meet and advocate with State Delegates
- Conduct annual legislative breakfast to share commissioner's concerns, areas to support and/or bills to sponsor, to received feedback from legislative community about what they feel is important to older adults; provide them a packet of work to come in the upcoming year
- Public policy committee reviews all the pending bills and decide which apply to older adults; write letter and/or go to Annapolis and testify
- Have guest speakers and become informed about issues—the County Exec and President of the CC
- Highlights of COA's work:
 - Full time positions created: coordinators-all positions were approved (critical for providing services and supports to older adults)
 - Summer studies on specific topic: conduct research, write a report and then make recommendations: example: MC to become an age

friendly community (WHO/AARP sponsored—accepted by the CE
(had to get educated then come up with viable proposals)

- **Challenges:**
Timing of when commissioners come onboard and vacate their positions; terms expire when they are contributing members; holes in time when new commissioners can come on board; commissioners who do not attend the meetings or attend very few meetings; need diversity of commissioners
- **Indicators/Measures:** no specific measure or indicators used by COA, but use “how many bills have been passed” as a mark of success; how many budget priorities have been considered

Minutes: Review of meeting minutes from January 11, 2017

ACTION: Meeting minutes were approved with no changes; all in favor

Report Out from Sub-Committees:

Youth Leadership Committee: MLK Day of Service project 140 bags total were compiled; Carson will distribute to Linkages to Learning and Shruti will distribute via refugee services

Opioid Committee: Plan of action to make an announcement/PSA; try to promote Speak Up Save a Life Program

Advocacy Committee: Time constraints; schedule a f/f meeting before February 24th with an agenda

Recommendations: have a mid-year check in find out what each sub-committee is doing

Other Commission Business:

- Discussion about future guest speaker; no guest speaker in March 2017

Announcements:

- Congrats to Minh who was accepted to youth leader program at the Aspen Institute
- Sunday, April 2nd Choose Respect Conference 1:00 at Richard Montgomery HS

Tour de Cookie:

March 15, 2017 7:00 p.m. (Lindsay and Rachel will attend)
Camping Theme

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.