



Commission on Children and Youth Meeting Summary March 14, 2018

Members Present: Kirsten Andersen, Quajalyn Amos, Annieka Attah, Shruti Bhatnagar, William (Billy) Chen, Dr. Leslie Copeland-Tune, Cecily Darden-Adams, Serena Debesai, Karen Duffy, Laura Espinoza, Lynne Harris, Debbie Iwanczuk, Elizabeth McGlynn, Renae McPherson, Assya Pascalev, Chloe Perez, and Eric Rossen

Members Absent: Owoade Ayorinde, William (Billy) Chen, Stella Masucci, and Sinclair Redding and Carolyn (Cali) Tamarkin

Staff Present: Erin Stillwell (DHHS)

Elizabeth Mc Glynn, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. (meeting start was delayed due to emergency in the building).

Guest Speaker:

- Smith Varia, Domestic Violence Coordinating Council

Chair's Update

- Elizabeth McGlynn attended quarterly chair's meeting with HHS Director on March 13, 2018.

Minutes: Review of meeting minutes from February 21, 2018

ACTION: Motion to approve the minutes from February 21, 2018 as distributed electronically.

Motion by: Shruti Bhatnagar

Seconded by: Lynne Harris

All in Favor

County Executive's Annual Meeting with B/C/C Boards

- Elizabeth, Cecily and Kirsten all volunteered to attend meeting
- Possible questions to ask about school counseling services, mental health services—do you have ideas on ways to support these students or ways that the CCY can support this process?
- With State mandate for school to be closed from June 15th until after Labor Day, what are your recommendation for ensuring continued access to services (mental health, food/nutrition) and what are your recommendation for how the CCY can support this?

- Advocating for all school support personnel (psychologist, mental health providers, PPW, etc.).

Discussion about Possible Letter to Board of Education

- Eric Rossen will draft the letter to the BOE and disseminate to full CCY
- CCY will have the opportunity to make comments
- Review and vote of letter will take place on April 11, 2018

Subcommittee Report Out

- **Youth Advisory/Leadership:**
 - Jennifer Jones (MCPS School Counselor) and Nancy (former MCPS School Counselor) guest speakers at youth meeting
 - Spoke about role of school counselor and the overwhelming student to counselor ratio
- **Promoting Mental Wellness Subcommittee:**
 - Discussed ways to promote mental wellness materials in schools
- **Youth who are Undocumented**
 - Discussed possible subcategories for distribution of materials

Announcements

- Choose Respect Montgomery April 15th at Richard Montgomery HS
- March 24th is “March for our Lives”

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.