



**Commission on Children and Youth
Meeting Summary-Approved
April 10, 2019**

Members Present: Kirsten Andersen, Shruti Bhatnagar, Stephanie Clark, Leslie Copeland-Tune, Luciana Crotti-Espinoza, Karen Duffy, Lynne Harris, Renae McPherson, Talia Nesin, Assya Pascalev, Jeanett Peralta, Chloe Perez, Eric Rossen, Pamela Taylor and Ashley Thommana

Testifying at Public Budget Hearing: Itamar Fiorino and Victoria Koretsky

Members Absent: Cecily Adams, Joseph Hooks, Jerome Jackson, Talia Nesin, Assya Pascalev and Pamela Taylor

Guests Present: Desiree de la Torre, Liaison to the Commission on Health

Staff Present: Erin Stillwell (DHHS)

Kirsten Andersen, chair, called the full commission meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

Minutes:

Review of minutes/meeting summary from the March 13, 2019 full commission meeting

ACTION: Motion to approve the minutes from March 13, 2019 full commission meeting

Motion: Chloe Perez

Seconded: Jeanett Peralta

All in Favor; one abstained from voting

Discussion and Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair Election

- **Nomination for Chair: Kirsten Andersen**
- **Nomination for Vice Chair: Shruti Bhatnagar and Karen Duffy**

Discussion and Planning for Dr. Nancy Dworkin Outstanding Service to Youth Awards

- Ad Hoc Selection Committee met this evening and voted on nominations; Erin will reach out to nominees and awardees by the end of April
- Entertainment: Eric will reach out to School of Rock to see if they have any youth willing to perform gratis at the event

- Photographer: Leslie will reach out to a photographer who might be willing to photograph the event gratis
- Erin circulated sign-up for commission volunteer opportunities at the event

Subcommittee Report-Outs:

- **School Safety:** Member are working to finalize recommendations to be shared with MCPS/BOE
- **Mental Health and Wellness:** Members are brainstorming ideas to include in recommendations, possibly to include examining ways to reach students via MCPS and increase funding
- **Youth Advisory/Leadership:** Youth commissioners did not report out as two were at the Council meeting providing testimony

Announcements:

- April 12th Original Pancake House; proceeds will go to EveryMind
- May 18th Zumba Fundraiser for EveryMind
- Annual Run for EveryMind on September 15th ; trying to encourage teams to sign up to run
- MCCPTA will be hosting a LGBTQ forum on May 18th at Wootton High School

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.