



Commission on Children and Youth Meeting Summary/Annual Planning Retreat September 13, 2017

Members Present: Cecily Darden Adams, Quajalyn Amos, Annieka Attah, Shruti Bhatnagar, Dr. Leslie Copeland-Tune, Laura Espinoza, Lynne Harris, Debbie Iwanczuk, Nora Ludden, and Tami Niodomanski

Members Absent: Noor Alsulihat, Rachel Kavanagh, Elizabeth McGlynn and Sinclair Redding

Staff Present: Erin Stillwell (DHHS), Dr. Barbara Andrews (DHHS/ECS Administrator)

Guests Present: Melissa McKenna and Paul Geller

Cecily Adams and Shruti Bhatnagar, co vice-chair, called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

Minutes: Review of meeting minutes from June 14, 2017; correction in minutes to add Debbie Iwanczuk name to the “members present” section

ACTION: Meeting minutes were approved with noted correction

Council HHS Committee Priority Breakfast and Roundtable

- Wednesday, October 18th, County Office Building
- Elizabeth McGlynn will represent the CCY as the chair
- Meeting/Roundtable Forum

CCY Retreat

Facilitator, Dr. Barbara Andrews

- Review of Group Guidelines
- Review of Role of Boards, Committees and Commissions
 - Role is to advise County Exec, County Council, BOE and Superintendent (not to create programs)
 - Provide recommendations (via the Annual Report), provide testimony and write letters
- Subcommittee Breakout Session to Discuss Recommendations for Annual Report
- Subcommittee Breakout Session to Discussion Future Priorities
 - **Priority Brainstorm**
 - DACA-support of Dreamers, support, schools as safe spaces, proactive for youth
 - Cultural Sensitivity-support for schools/partnerships
 - Community Dialogue/Creating Space for conversations
 - Mental health issues for children and youth
 - Impact of screen time on children
 - Active lifestyle and nutrition
 - Child Care Programs in schools to support parenting teens

ACTION: Top two priorities were voted on by members, final priorities were confirmed

- Priority 1: Mental health issues for children and youth
- Priority 2: DACA dreamers

Priority 1:

The Commission is concerned about the mental health of children of all ages in Montgomery County. We intend to examine services available for mental health treatment and discovering gaps in services.

All in Favor.

Priority 2:

The Commission wants to be proactive in identifying and addressing the needs of undocumented children and youth in Montgomery Co. particularly those impacted by DACA. We will recommend options for community supports for children and youth and establishing schools as safe spaces.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.