



**Commission on Children and Youth
Annual Planning Retreat: Meeting Summary-**FINAL**
March 9, 2021
Meeting held via Microsoft TEAMS (virtual)**

Members Present via Microsoft TEAMS: Kirsten Andersen, Jeanett Peralta, ,
Tatiana Marina Lollo, Albert D. Reed, Chanel M. Speaks, Simoni Mishra, Stephanie
Clark, , Anna Marie Finley, , Thanh-Thuy "twee" Nguyen, LaTanya Johnson

Members Absent: Renae McPherson, James S. Hopkins, , Phebe Melaku

Staff Present: Pearline Tyson (DHHS)

Commission votes Anna Marie Finley and Simoni Mishra pro tem chair and co-chair.

Pro Tem Chair Calls the Full Commission Meeting to Order 6:36pm

Roll Call (to determine quorum)

Introduction of Guest:

*Youth Employment Opportunities- Guest presenter:
Leslie Cardenas-Transition Services Unit, MCPS*

Commission approved February 9, 2022 Meeting minutes (sent electronically)

Subcommittee Break Outs

Full Commission Reconvenes/Subcommittee Report Outs

Youth & Accessible Spaces

- Discussed roundtable questions, training and best practices for next year.
- Children are not aware of available accessible spaces.

Youth Employment

- Had a discussion with guest speaker about different employment services for at risk youth.

Recap of Youth Having a Voice Roundtable

- Youth suggested a space where youth can take showers have access to things they need.
- Questions should be relatable to youth.
- Youth want non-traditional activities-Gaming, Artistic, Cooking and Gardening etc. Can rec centers be a place to host these spaces?
- Create a map/guide for the community to navigate youth spaces.

Roundtable

- More training for facilitators.
- Have facilitators practice before event.
- Reword questions to reflect audience.
- Facilitators should be high school students.
- More time to promote event.
- Incentives for high school participants.

No questions from guests

Adjournment 8:32 pm