Commission on Children and Youth
Meeting Summary-FINAL
February 8, 2023
Meeting held via Microsoft TEAMS

Members Present: LaTanya Johnson, Jeanett Peralta, Anna Marie Finley, Albert D. Reed, , Jackie Wang, Sami Saeed, Gretchen Gilmore, Rishi Nixon, Kimberly McLurkin-Harris, Corinne Yourman, Gregory Tucker, Leon Peace, Michael Jimenez, Chanel Speaks, , Renae McPherson, Stephanie Clark, Kirsten Andersen, Jose Diaz, Nikhita Bhatt, Smrithi Chakravarthy, Tatiana Holland, Tatiana Marina Lollo, Gregory Tucker

Members Absent: Anna Marie Finley, Tatiana Marina Lollo

Staff Present: Pearline Tyson (DHHS),

Chair Calls Full Commission meeting to Order at 6:35pm

Roll Call (to determine quorum) – quorum established (20 out 22)

Chair's Opening Remarks

Introduction of guest speakers:
- Joey Zabel, President, Arise and Flourish,
- Sean Channer, Prevention Program Manager, Arise and Flourish

Reviewed and approved January 11, 2023, meeting minutes.

Commission Business

Youth Committee Report Out
- Commission voted to change annual event name to Youth Voice Roundtable
- Would like adult commissioners to help promote roundtable.
- Vote on promotional materials
- Discussed structure of event.
- Will have 3 breakout rooms.

Priority #1-Safety Amongst Youth subcommittee:
- Guest Speakers from Arise and Flourish discussed drug use, recovery and addiction. Went over current MCPS relationship and suggestions for MCPS policy change.
- Came up with potential questions for Youth Having a Voice Roundtable.

- Topics featured this year: Educational Equity and Opportunity, socioeconomic resources (school lunches, resources in the community), financial literacy/health & nutrition, substance abuse

- 25-30 students per room, topics divided by age group.

Priority #2- Equal Education Opportunities subcommittee:
- Discussed potential speakers for March, April and May.
- Discussed upcoming questions for speakers.
- Came up with potential questions for Youth Having a Voice Roundtable.
- Reviewed MCPS anti-racist audit.

8:41 pm   Adjournment