

## Commission on Children and Youth Meeting Summary-FINAL April 12, 2023 Meeting held via Microsoft TEAMS

**Members Present:** LaTanya Johnson, Jeanett Peralta, Jackie Wang, Gretchen Gilmore, Kimberly McLurkin-Harris, Gregory Tucker, Leon Peace, Michael Jimenez, Renae McPherson, Stephanie Clark, Jose Diaz, , Gregory Tucker, Nikhita Bhatt, Albert D. Reed Anna Marie Finley

**Members Absent**: Rishi Nixon, Corinne Yourman Kirsten Andersen Smrithi Chakravarthy Tatiana Holland Tatiana Marina Lollo Sami Saeed, Chanel Speaks

**Staff Present**: Pearline Tyson (DHHS),

Chair Calls Full Commission meeting to Order at 6:34pm

Chair's Opening Remarks

Roll Call (to determine quorum) – quorum established (15 out 22)

Reviewed and approved March 8, 2023, meeting minutes.

Introduction of Speakers for Equal Education Sub-Committee- Norka Padilla, Diana Wyles, Tamara Vicky ParcanMCPS Office of School Support and Well-Being

## **Commission Business**

No Youth Committee Report Due to Spring Break holiday.

## **Priority #1-Safety Amongst Youth subcommittee:**

- Potential Recommendations:
  - Lessons to children earlier on substance
  - o How comfortable/knowledgeable students are about existing resources
  - o Potential legal

## **Priority #2- Equal Education Opportunities subcommittee:**

- Learned about ESOL resources and support services at MCPS
- How to access programs
- Elementary school programs
- Discussed the need for more funding and manpower to support current programs.

**8:30 pm** Adjournment