



Commission on Children and Youth

January 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location

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Attendance

Members Present

- Michael Jimenez
- Kirsten Andersen
- Shane Tate
- Molly McAlvanah
- Sara Rosen
- Nina Bersabal
- Greg Tucker
- Megan Pantellis
- Johnathan Berhane
- Jessica Isabella Berrellez
- Joelle Butuyan
- Rizwan Rana
- Chelsea Zhu
- Stephanie Clarke
- Ary Amerikaner
- Nandi Walcott
- Corinne Yourman

Members Not Present

- Kimberly McLurkin Harris
- Leon Peace
- Dr. Keena Howell

Proof of Quorum

The presence of 13 members confirmed a quorum at 6:37.

Staff Present

- Jameela Hyland

Guest Speakers

- Lori Garibay-Aquino, Chief of Children Youth and Family Services, DHHS

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:37PM.

Welcome and Introductions

The Chair provided opening remarks and briefly highlighted the commission's business.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Review and Approval of December Meeting Minutes was approved by Kirsten and second by Chelsea.

Review and Approve Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved for the meeting at 6:38pm.

Meeting Minutes Agenda Items

- The Commission heard a presentation from Lori Garibay-Aquino, Chief of Children, Youth and Families (CYF), on CYF's mission, priorities, emerging needs, and cross-agency initiatives, including the County's Youth Resilience Initiative. Ms. Garibay-Aquino highlighted key challenges facing youth and families, including workforce and facility capacity, program sustainability, and the importance of data-driven, equitable service delivery.
- Commissioners discussed initial framing for the Annual Report, emphasizing fewer, high-impact recommendations aligned with youth resiliency.
- The Commission received an update on the Youth Voice Roundtable, including proposed formats and next steps to finalize timing and outreach.
- The Dworkin Award Subcommittee reported on its work, and the Commission voted to move forward with the Dworkin Award cycle for this year.
- Next steps and upcoming meeting topics were reviewed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will February 11 at 6:30pm – 8:30pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.