

**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING NOTES –MARCH 11, 2020**  
**CITY HALL, SISTER CITIES**

**ATTENDANCE**

Dana Chambers	J. Glenn Hopkins (phone)	Maile Organek
Rose Dawson	Kurt Huffman	Javan Owens
Laura Durham	Jamica Littles	Dianara Saget
Jacinta Greene	Mike Mackey	Ashely Sanchez-Viafara
Amanda Hazelwood	Kelley Organek	Christina Sherlock
		Lou Whiting

**Excused Absent**

Councilman Canek Aguirre	Brian Orrenmaa
Julie Crawford	Heather Thornton
Kate Garvey	
Councilwoman Amy Jackson	
Tammy Mann	

**Unexcused Absent**

**Staff**

Stacey Hardy-Chandler  
Noraine Buttar  
Robin Crawley  
Chelsea Eickert  
Shawn Brown

**WELCOME**

Jamica Littles, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked members to introduce themselves.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT DECEMBER MINUTES**

Meeting minutes from February were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS – VAPING LETTER UPDATE**

The Commission received an update from Noraine Buttar. The Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria had questions and concerns about each of the items in the letter that Goal Group One had drafted. SAPCA has also partnered with ACPS on a Vaping Workgroup. The CYFCC agreed to hold off on submitting until they receive guidance from SAPCA.

**OLD BUSINESS – AWARENESS MONTHS AND BUDGET CALENDAR**

The Executive Committee had narrowed the list of Awareness Months to just focusing on any that related to the CYMP Goals and promoting the National Heritage months. The Commission will wait until the Children and Youth Master Plan (CYMP) is done before the it takes any action.

### **OLD BUSINESS – YOUTH MASTER PLAN ACTIVITY**

Goal Groups met in their committees to review the results of their efforts recruiting champions for each of the CYMP strategies.

*Report from Goal Group One:* MSTAND, a student-led group that works to dismantle racism at T.C. Williams High School, talked with T.C.’s Equity Committee about having caucuses and going to the school board to present information that was collected in regards to students feeling safe in the classroom.

Although a lot of the strategies identified “all children and youth,” the Goal Group was concerned that vulnerable populations might be missed. They recommended populations that should be targeted.

*Report from Goal Group Two:* Kelley Organek reached out various arts groups; they were excited by the strategies but not in a position to champion at this time. Since ACPS is the most appropriate champion for this Goal Group’s strategies, we will need to wait for ACPS’s Strategic Plan to be more finalized. In the meantime, Pastor Lou Whiting will talk with the Social Responsibility Group in April and Glen Hopkins will talk with the Smart Beginnings Work Group.

*Report from Goal Group Three:* They recommended that one strategy be moved from the Youth Empowerment section of the Plan to the College and Career Readiness section to better align.

*Report from Goal Group Four:* The Family and Community Engagement Center (FACE) of ACPS can champion first strategy Provide more comprehensive support to immigrant families in meeting their needs. Partners can support but not champion strategies. Strategies without champions may either be cut because we don’t have the resources or may be put in the Plan’s addendum for consideration in Years three and four.

The City School Staff Group will champion Goal Five’s strategies.

### **NEW BUSINESS – REVIEW ORDINANCE**

The Commission reviewed and approved changes to the ordinance, which will go through City Council. A suggestion was made to change the terminology of “Chairman” to “Chair.” The Commission discussed the proposed changes to the Chair’s term, extending it from a one-year to a two-year commitment. The CYFCC ultimately decided to keep it as a one-year term.

### **NEW BUSINESS – CHAMPIONS OF CHILDREN AWARDS**

Javan Owens, Kurt Huffman, Christina Sherlock volunteered to serve on the CoC Committee.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Email Noraine Buttar any flyers or announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM