

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION
MEETING NOTES – OCTOBER 16, 2019
CITY HALL, SISTER CITIES

ATTENDANCE

Present

Councilman Canek Aguirre	Stephen Parker
Rose Dawson	Dianara Saget
Jamica Littles	Christina Sherlock
Kelley Organek	
Brian Orrenmaa	

Excused Absent

Julie Crawford	Kurt Huffman	Isra Shuster
Laura Durham	Councilwoman Amy Jackson	Heather Thornton
Kate Garvey	Mike Mackey	Malka Zeefe
Jacinta Greene	Tammy Mann	
Amanda Hazelwood	Javan Owens	

Unexcused Absent

J. Glenn Hopkins
Peter Kallin
Brent McKenzie

Staff

Stacey Hardy-Chandler
Robin Crawley
Noraine Buttar

WELCOME

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

Due to lack of quorum, the September minutes will be approved at the November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

FINALIZE CYMP 2020 REPORT CELEBRATION AND 2025 PLANNING KICKOFF

Members highlighted the following accomplishments.

Goal 1:

- Founded abuse and neglect investigations decreased

- In 2018, 100% of children receiving child welfare services did not have additional findings of abuse or neglect within 12 months

Goal 2:

- The Early Care and Education Work Group was formed.
- Increased resources to expand services with a Mixed Delivery Preschool Grant of 250K.
- Increase in kindergarten students with a pre-kindergarten experience
- Rebranding of the workgroup to “Smart Beginnings Alexandria”
- SOL rate increase in reading and writing
- Youth unemployment decreased by 20% for 20-24 year olds
- Introduced youth to new experiences and career pathways through Career Academies, Internships, Externships, Apprenticeships, Vocational Trainings and Job Fairs

Goal 3

- Rate of youth reporting the ideal number of Assets (31-40) increased by 60%
- Teen pregnancy is decreasing
- Overall substance use is decreasing
- Out of School Time Programs Work Group was formed
- Healthy Behaviors Work Group was formed
- Youth Empowerment Work Group was formed
- Healthy Minds Work Group was formed

Goal 4

- Number of youth who seriously considered suicide decreased
- City government agencies and nonprofits ensured that City-supported out of school time programs included adequate access to health, wellness, sports and fitness activities in all areas of the city, were free or low-cost; and were located at neighborhood schools/recreation centers

Goal 5

- Children and Youth Master Plan Coordinator was hired
- Aligned the Alexandria Fund for Human Services with the CYMP by requiring that organizations that receive funds from the City that serve children, youth and/or families attend the Youth Services Coordinating Council meetings
- Collected local, population-level data to track our progress by routinely administering the Developmental Assets and Youth Risk Behavior surveys
- Creation of the Unified Planning Process to ensure alignment of three major plans, CYMP, Community Health Improvement Plan and ACPS 2025 Strategic Plan

Members decided to hold the CYMP Report Celebration and kickoff meeting in December, prior to the full Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – BUILD YOUR LEGACY WORKSHOP

Noraine Buttar facilitated the workshop. This workshop ensures that numerous voices (youth and adult) will provide input in the CYMP, the Community Health Improvement Plan and ACPS 2025 strategic plan. Themes that emerged from our workshop will be reviewed at the November meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kelley Organek connected students who are working on the mold issue to the Environmental Policy Commission executive committee. Amanda followed up with additional people. The CYMP Celebration and Kick Off will be on December 11 at 6 p.m. in the Vola Lawson lobby. The ACPS Safety Forum will take place on October 30, 7 – 9 p.m. at Minnie Howard. Alexandria Library Sit in Descendants Panel will be on Monday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Beatley Library.

ADJOURNMENT (8:35 PM)