

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION
MEETING NOTES – APRIL 10TH 2019
CITY HALL, SISTER CITIES

ATTENDANCE

Councilman Canek Aguirre	Glenn Hopkins	Kelley Organek
Julie Crawford	Kurt Huffman	Javan Owens
Rose Dawson	Peter Kallin	Maile Organek
Laura Durham	Jamica Littles	Brian Orrenmaa
Kate Garvey	Mike Mackey	Malka Zeefe
Amanda Hazelwood	Tammy Mann	Dianara Saget

Excused Absent

Bryana Head	Jacinta Green	Isra Shuster
Brent McKenzie	Councilwoman Amy Jackson	
Michelle Smith Howard	Heather Thornton	Stephen Parker

Unexcused Absent

Ameena Ashraf

Staff

Stacey Hardy-Chandler
Noraine Buttar
Robin Crawley
Chelsea Eickert

Guest

Alex Lomax

WELCOME

Malka Zeefe, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT FEBRUARY MINUTES

February Minutes were reviewed and approved.

NEW BUSINESS - CYFCC MARCH RETREAT AND REPORT

The Commission discussed the outcomes of their March Retreat including the Proposal for restructuring the subcommittees. A group that met to discuss the restructure recommended that subcommittees be aligned with the Children and Youth Master Plan (CYMP). While the current committee structure will remain, there will be goal-oriented subcommittees – one subcommittee for every goal of the CYMP. One representative from each original committee will be on each goal-oriented committee. Once the subcommittees have proven they can operate effectively and

produce successful results under this new structure, the change will be suggested to the City Council. See Proposal for more details.

After the Proposal was laid out, the CYFCC discussed their questions and concerns. Overall, Commissioners like the goal-oriented subcommittees and the recommended structure. More clarity, however, is needed around the kinds of activities appropriate for each of the subcommittees and how those activities are approached. Members agreed that these subcommittees are not to focus on running programs or creating new projects.

It was suggested that a preamble be written that says something to the effect of, “We do not do programs. We lift up programs. We educate. We advise. We advocate.” A second suggestion was to calendar-ize the subcommittees’ schedule – identify when on an annual basis each committee needs to come up with a charge to influence what they would like to influence.

The Commission should identify the key milestones that happen throughout each year. For example, the Commission has two big dates – March for advocating on issues and June for influencing the City Budget.

Another item to address was the remaining two committees – the Membership Committee and the Executive Committee. A self-appointed leader from each committee will attend Executive Committee meetings to share updates. It was recommended that the Membership and Outreach Committee be renamed to the Membership and Recruitment Committee because its focus will be on recruiting and onboarding new members. Due to its nature of tasks, this Committee may only need to have two co-chairs and staff to make sure orienting new members is strong and well-coordinated. Volunteers for the Commission can assist with the work.

A move to approve the Proposal - while leaving the details of each subcommittee’s charge and what success looks like to the discretion of subcommittees – was made and moved. May’s Commission meeting be a working meeting where Commissioners can finish setting up their subcommittees. This was subject to the preamble.

A Decision Tree for Making Decisions on new emerging issues was also presented. The Decision Tree is meant to be used as a tool for leading discussions around emerging issues. When a commissioner hears about an issue and wants to bring it to the Commission, that person needs to do their homework, or due diligence, and present why they think it is a compelling issue to bring to the Commission. It then goes to the appropriate subcommittee where the research and data person will research the issue further.

NEW BUSINESS – VOLUNTEER FOR CHAMPIONS AND REPORT COMMITTEES

The Children and Youth Master Plan is turning five years old in June. To celebrate this milestone, a summary of the work accomplished during its first five years will be released on June 12th at the Champion of Children’s Awards. A survey had been sent out to stakeholders and

to the CYMP's Design Team. Mike Mackey and Javan Owens volunteered to help the CYMP's Coordinator to review what was received and develop content.

Commissioners were also asked to volunteer to serve on a committee for the Annual Champion of Children Awards. Committee members will receive applications and score them with a rubric. Kelley Organek volunteered to identify elementary schoolers from Cora Kelly to help emcee the event, and Stephen, Glen, Peter, and Amanda volunteered to serve on the committee.

Commissioners are to submit to Noraine Buttar their top three preferences for the goal-oriented committee they would like to serve on.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Javan Owens announced that he attended a Child Welfare League Conference where there was a session on federal policy that can impact services. The importance of counting all kids in the next Census was highlighted. A power point presentation of the session was sent to Noraine Buttar and she will send it to the Commission.

Kate Garvey announced that she had talked with the ACPS Superintendent about aligning the three City-Wide Plans that impact children and families – the CYMP 2025, ACPS Strategic Plan 2025, and the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) 2025. Together we should think through our collective work on crossover issues and how we can coordinate our efforts and while engaging different audiences.

Chelsea Eickert announced that the CYFCC is now a member of the Local Children's Cabinet Network (LCCN), a national network of community leaders working to improve the coordination of child- and youth-serving agencies and initiatives in their localities through a policy coordinating body, like the CYFCC. The LCCN is managed by the Forum for Youth Investment, Education Redesign Lab at Harvard Graduate School of Education, and the Children's Funding Project. The main benefit of membership is the opportunity to learn about best practices from both experts and one another about children's cabinets as a tool for improving outcomes.

Proposed Calendar Events

June 12 - Champions of Children Awards – 6:30 p.m., Vola Lawson Lobby

ADJOURNMENT (8:21 PM)