

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION
MEETING NOTES – APRIL 6, 2022
CHARLES HOUSTON RECREATION CENTER, MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

ATTENDANCE

Ingrid Bynum	Angela Green	Zahra Rahimi	J-Lynn Van Pelt
Catherine Clinger	Kate Harbor	Christine Raino	
Jessy Cuddy	Amanda Hazelwood	Jenny Rivera	
Laura Durham	Kurt Huffman	Dianara Saget	
Jay Falk	Zach Lowe	Christina Sherlock	
Kate Garvey	Mike Mackey	Nelsa Tientore	

Excused Absent

Councilwoman Sarah Bagley	Katie Greenway
Dana Chambers	J. Glenn Hopkins
Julie Crawford	Tammie Ignacio
Rose Dawson	Jacinta Greene
Councilwoman Alyia Gaskins	

Unexcused Absent

Claudette Haynes

Staff

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

WELCOME

The Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission (CYFCC) Chair, Amanda Hazelwood welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Chair invited members of the public to make any comments. In the spirit of the plastic bag tax, SAPCA chair, Allen Lomax, brought canvas bags with SAPCA's logo on them for everyone.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MARCH MEETING MINUTES

The March Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

OLD BUSINESS – REPORT OUT FROM GOAL GROUPS

GOAL GROUP I: This Goal Group discussed Developmental Assets and would like to learn more about this framework because they believe it is the common denominator across all Goal Groups and therefore needs to be part of professional development. There is interest in having Lisette Torres and/or Helen Morris from the Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy and Developmental Assets experts attend a future meeting. Seven Commissioners have attended the Developmental Assets training. The Group also wants to know what and how ACPS is spending their Social-Emotional and Academic Learning (SEAL) funding. This Goal Group does not currently have representation from ACPS. The Group likes the rotation of chairs. Communication has been challenging for Goal Group I.

GOAL GROUP II: Goal Group II met and discussed the implementation of SEAL programming. They would like to continue an ongoing relationship with Gregory Baldwin from ACPS. In the fall of 2020, it became a requirement that every school (beginning in 3rd grade) dedicates 30 minutes to implementing SEAL programming. Teachers are provided with ample resources to implement the curriculum and provide ways for students to have follow up counseling. It was emphasized that implementing SEAL and seeing its progress takes time. Also, the ACPS Strategic Plan is undergoing revisions. Questions about that can be sent to Angie Green.

GOAL GROUP III: Three big priorities are guiding the work of Goal Group III. One priority area includes supporting additional Youth Speak Up events in the spring and fall. The Goal Group is also focused on learning about best practices for elevating youth voice. This work includes identifying assessments for engaging youth voice, starting with optimizing youth voice on the Commission. The third area of focus is creating a Youth Leadership Landscape. The Group has found five so far and highlighted current openings for youth seats on Boards and Commissions as well as Commissions without dedicated youth seats. Commissioners were encouraged to send any missing on the list to Christina Sherlock. When the Group expressed concern for the kids who aren't comfortable with the filling leadership opportunities, they were informed that the purpose of the Annual Youth Leadership Conference is to empower youth to lead. Commissioners were encouraged to participate in the networking portion of the Conference. The Goal Group recommended teaching adults how to treat youth and support them as leaders on Boards and Commissions. The Group is looking at the readiness of each Commission for taking on youth, including youth who home school. The CYFCC Chair will connect the youth who applied to open seats on the CYFCC to open seats on other Boards.

OLD BUSINESS – BUDGET DISCUSSION

Volunteers are needed to engage in the ADD/Delete portion of the Budget process. Jay Falk, Kate Garvey, and Christine Raino volunteered and will keep the CYFCC updated. The CYFCC Chair will put together a packet on how to approach it.

ACPS increased substitute pay for the rest of the year, making it comparable to Fairfax rates. Nine million dollars had been allocated to SEAL and more to psychological services. Tammie Ignacio and ACPS staff on the Commission provided the Commission with more details around the immediate use of ESSR funding.

NEW BUSINESS – HOW TO MEET IN PERSON

All Board and Commission meetings need to be in person, which presents a lot of equity issues and barriers to peoples' participation. The Commission was asked to consider the most accessible parts of town to meet, keeping in mind peoples' transportation needs. Remote participation is limited and those participating remotely are not considered as part of quorum.

There was a motion that was passed to add 30 minutes to every meeting so that Goal Groups could have time to meet. Starting in May, the general CYFCC meetings will begin at 6:30PM. Goal Group meetings will happen after the general meeting ends. Commissioners were reminded that every Goal Group must have a notetaker.

NEW BUSINESS – FY 2023 PLANNING

Members are exploring the use of a survey that assesses the meaningful participation of youth in the Commission. Commissioner, Christine Raino is currently researching surveys.

NEW BUSINESS – RETREAT PLANNING

The Commission discussed the date of next retreat. The retreat is an opportunity to look at what's working, what needs strengthening, and go into the next year ready. More information will be shared at the next meeting.

WHAT SHOULD WE KNOW? AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners were invited to share any efforts or events that the general community should be made aware of:

- Consider having a future CYFCC meeting at the Juvenile Detention Center.
- Attendees at the Developmental Assets training were recognized and thanked
- Several Understanding ACEs trainings are coming up
- RAISE Meeting Thursday, April 14

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.