

**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING NOTES – FEBRUARY 8, 2023**  
**VIRTUAL**

**ATTENDANCE**

Councilwoman Sarah Bagley	Christine Raino	Kate Garvey	Zahra Rahimi
Alex Roberts	Councilwoman Aliya Gaskins	Katie Greenway	
Amanda Hazelwood	Francesca Gallozzi	Kurt Huffman	
Amanda Ruff	Ingrid Bynum	Laura Durham	
Angela Green	Jay Falk	Mike Mackey	
Catherine Clinger	Julie Murphy	Sara Waskowicz	

**Excused Absent**

Christina Sherlock	Kate Harbour
Jacinta Greene	Rose Dawson
Jessy Cuddy	Tammie Ignacio
J-Lynn Van Pelt	

**Unexcused**

Jenny Rivera

**Staff**

Noraine Buttar  
Shawn Brown  
Chelsea Eickert

**Guests:**

Dr. Marcia Jackson  
Allen Lomax

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The Chair-Elect invited members of the public to make any comments. Allen Lomax, Chair of the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria described the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria's launch of a new video series where students describe positive reasons that they do not use marijuana. The series was created by the ACHS Media class and he commented that the students produce professional videos. The videos can be found on [SAPCA's YouTube](#) page.

**WELCOME**

The Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission (CYFCC) Chair-Elect Catherine Clinger introduced new member, Sara Waskowicz and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE JANUARY MEETING MINUTES**

The Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS – REPORT OUT FROM GOAL COMMITTEES AND DISCUSSION**

Members celebrated last month's Mental Health Roundtable and each goal group discussed their takeaways and next steps/action items. Members also celebrated the Youth Speak Up event and those in attendance summarized some of the key themes they heard. There were concerns about students' mental health struggles. Dr. Marcia Jackson described the current supports available through ACPS as well as the pilot DESSA assessment. Goal Groups will use this information to update and inform their action plans. The notes from the Youth Speak Up event will be shared with CYFCC.

### **NEW BUSINESS – PRESENTATION ON STATUS OF ACPS BUDGET PROCESS BY JAY FALK (attached)**

Jay described the ACPS budget process and indicated when it would be most helpful for members to provide feedback and/or speak at the School Board budget related sessions. Members also discussed the City's [budget process](#) and were encouraged to attend relevant sessions and report back to the Commission on items that impact children, youth and families and align with the goal groups priorities. Jay also circulated a sign-up document for a new advocacy sub-group that will spearhead the Commission's advocacy efforts.

### **NEW BUSINESS – REVIEW OF CYFCC PROPOSED ANNUAL PLAN**

Goal group members were tasked with updating the plan as appropriate.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.