

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION
MEETING NOTES – DECEMBER 11TH 2019
CITY HALL, SISTER CITIES

ATTENDANCE

Present

Councilman Canek Aguirre	Amanda Hazelwood	Mike Mackey	Dianara Saget
Julie Crawford	J. Glenn Hopkins	Tammy Mann	
Rose Dawson	Kurt Huffman	Kelley Organek	
Laura Durham	Councilwoman Amy Jackson	Brian Orrenmaa	
Kate Garvey	Jamica Littles	Javan Owens	

Excused Absent

Jacinta Greene
Christina Sherlock
Isra Shuster
Heather Thornton

Unexcused Absent

Brent McKenzie

Staff

Stacey Hardy-Chandler
Noraine Buttar
Chelsea Eickert
Shawn Brown

Guest

Allen Lomax	Fredy Martinez (Speaker)
Morgan Garner	Emma Beall (Speaker)
Lisette Torres	

WELCOME

Chair, Jamica Littles, welcomed everyone to the Commission Meeting.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT NOVEMBER MINUTES

Meeting minutes from November were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS - DEBRIEF FIVE YEAR REPORT AND CELEBRATION AND CYMP
2025 KICK OFF**

The Chair commented on the amazing turnout, given how many events were happening at the same time. Members of the Commission thanked Jamica Littles for representing the Commission so well.

NEW BUSINESS – VAPING PRESENTATION BY ACPS AND SAPCA

SAPCA Coordinator Emma Beall and Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) Substance Abuse Prevention and Services Coordinator, Fredy Martinez provided a presentation about e-cigarettes and vaping. During this presentation, commissioners were shown examples of smoking devices and learned that many of these products contain high levels of nicotine, which can change adolescent brain function. Commissioners also learned about current efforts to address teen e-cigarette use, including the formation of a vaping work group with ACPS students to brainstorm ways to address vaping systemically. The presentation culminated in a discussion about efforts the CYFCC can take to address vaping, such as advocating through op-eds and letters written to other Boards and Commissions.

Questions from CYFCC

What resources exist to help students who need help?

Face to face clinical consultation interview, assessment, a Quit Line for e-cigarette use, and the resources provided by ACPS and the City.

What is the specific age where use is more prevalent?

As youth get older, use increases. 7th grade and 8th grade is when youth start using.

What can our Commission specifically do?

Write op-eds to a local paper. Focus on prevention; talk with 8th and 9th graders before they start using. Work with youth on messaging that will resonate with their peers; a letter from the CYFCC can help push the message.

How are we educating parents, especially those who don't speak English?

So far, Seminars target Tier Two families. SAPCA is working with the FACE Center to build capacity. SAPCA and the Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy (ACAP) hosts "Healthy Conversations" with families and includes interpreters. They have expanded the conversation to include vaping information. The difficulty is scheduling these Conversations within the school scheduling process. Ideally, there would be four Conversations per year.

Councilman Canek Aguirre provided a legislation update. A bill has been proposed to tax and increase the price of e-cigarettes. This includes increasing fines for grocery stores to \$250 and up, and takes away their license to sell. While the City can't restrict where e-cigarettes are sold, increasing the fines can help.

What extent can we talk to store folks?

Make it clear to the businesses that it is illegal to sell e-cigarettes to minors. Thank people for doing the positive things, like stores for carding and not selling to minors.

There was a motion for the Goal 1 group to work on this issue and support current efforts in partnership with SAPCA and ACPS. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS – ADVOCACY IN ACTION

Last year the Commission discussed the process for incorporating new and emerging issues. In addition to a decision-tree, the CYFCC decided to create and maintain a calendar (FY) that includes budget sessions and national awareness months, for advocacy and community engagement purposes. Committees will identify what to include on the awareness calendar and which stakeholders to invite to present and future CYFCC meetings to raise awareness.

NEW BUSINESS – REVIEW THEMES FROM LEGACY WORKSHOPS

CYMP Coordinator, Chelsea Eickert, shared key themes that emerged from the community engagement workshops and invited each committee to review and digest the information. On January 8th, committees will identify themes that can be consolidated and partnerships that can be leveraged with already existing plans/stakeholder groups whose efforts align. Committees can look at the priorities through the old structure of the CYFCC and Committee members can decide how the CYFCC can advocate, budget, monitor implementation, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Brian Orrenmaa gave an update on the feedback delivered on the active shooter response. Drills with elementary students will only include evacuation tactics. Drills with 6th grade students and older will also include on barricading/distraction tactics.
- b. Julie Crawford shared that 60 parents attended a meeting with the ACPS Superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 8:32.