

**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING NOTES – APRIL 11, 2012**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORKROOM**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present**

Rosario Casiano	J. Glenn Hopkins	Sonia Price
Victoria Cattaneo	Timothy Kennedy	Joyce Rawlings
William Chesley	Tammy Mann	Cynthia Skinner
Andria Cook	Gwen Mullen	Carri Stoltz
Rose Dawson	Jeffrey Murphy	Margaret Walsh
Mike Gilmore	Amy Fortney Parks	Marc Williams
Samuel Hanoura	Timothy Peterson	

**Excused Absent**

Emma Beall	Councilwoman Alicia Hughes	Councilman Rob Krupicka
Sheryl Gorsuch	Gregory Hutchings	

**Unexcused Absent**

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**Guests**

Fannie Allen	Richard Merritt
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**Staff**

Jacqueline Coachman	Barbara Farrington	Mike Mackey
Carol Farrell	Ron Frazier	Deborah Warren

**Approval of the March 14, 2012 Meeting Notes**

A motion to approve the notes of the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting was moved by Mike Gilmore and seconded by Glenn Hopkins. After a revision by Sonia Price, the amended meeting notes were unanimously approved.

**Discussion of Commission Priorities and Survey Results**

An online survey was developed to solicit the input of Commissioners regarding the focus of the Children, Youth & Families Collaborative Commission during its first year. Mike Mackey presented a PowerPoint overview of the preliminary findings.

**Update on CYFCC Recommendations on the City's Proposed FY 2013 Budget**

Tim Peterson discussed a draft letter to the Mayor, City Council and City Manager outlining the Commission's position on the proposed budget. Marc Williams noted the budget serves children and families in a number of ways that are all equally important and hence, recommended an amendment. Mr. Hopkins moved that the amended letter be forwarded to the Mayor and City Council. The motion was seconded by Margaret Walsh and approved; Dr. Gilmore abstained.

**Discussion of the Recommendation for CYFCC Committee Chairs and Process for Further Populating Committees with Community Members**

Dr. Tammy Mann announced a number of Commissioners had agreed to chair committees:

Advocacy  
Finance  
Outreach/Membership  
Research/Data  
Implementation & Monitoring

Glenn Hopkins  
Sonia Price and Andria Cook  
Rose Dawson  
Cynthia Skinner  
Dr. Greg Hutchings

Mr. Peterson stated there will be three Commissioners on each committee. It was recommended that all who had applied for seats on the Commission be invited to serve on CYFCC committees. It was also recommended that former members of the Early Childhood Commission and the Youth Policy Commission as well as members of the Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy (ACAP), the Gang Prevention Community Task Force, and the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria (SAPCA) be invited to serve. Richard Merritt noted that the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria is comprised of four work groups and advised that each be made aware of the opportunity to serve CYFCC as a committee member.

#### **Review of Process for Planning June Retreat**

Mr. Peterson explained that due to scheduling conflicts, it will not be possible to hold an all-day Saturday retreat. He recommended the retreat be scheduled for the regular meeting in June. Dinner at 5:30 would be followed by the retreat from 6:00 until 9:30/10:00. Commissioners were asked to consider the deliverables that should result from the retreat as well as possible break-out sessions. Dr. Mann will schedule an Executive Committee discussion of the retreat and provide a status report at the May CYFCC meeting.

#### **Presentation on the Development of a Youth Master Plan**

Ron Frazier gave a PowerPoint presentation that was an overview of youth master plan processes. The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the youth master plan is under review by the Acting Procurement Officer, who will then forward it to the City Attorney for review. Thirteen vendors are currently registered to receive the RFP and Deborah Warren will inform the Commission when the RFP is released.

#### **Other Issues**

Amy Fortney Parks, a psychologist, made a statement regarding the importance of Children's Mental Health Day. Ms. Warren said the "Moving Beyond Trauma" event on May 7 will feature a panel of youth and parents, and youth are creating a video. Dr. Gilmore announced a mental health recovery event will be held on May 10 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Lee Center. Artwork by clients of behavioral health services will be displayed. Joyce Rawlings announced the Youth Arts Festival will be held on June 9. Mr. Frazier noted the Project Discovery Walkathon on April 21 and a reception on May 17. The reception is in honor of the City's fourth designation as one of the 100 Best Communities as well the launch of the Children, Youth & Families Collaborative Commission. Each of the 100 Best communities received a grant of \$2,500. The City's grant was divided between the Alexandria Library, the reception of May 17, the ACPS Family and Community Engagement Centers (FACE), and the ChildThrive project at Brent Place.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.