

**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING NOTES – DECEMBER 9, 2020**  
**VIRTUAL**

**ATTENDANCE**

Councilman Canek Aguirre	Nicola Harris	Davina Littles	Dianara Saget
Dana Chambers	Claudette Haynes	Jamica Littles	Christina Sherlock
Rose Dawson	Amanda Hazelwood	Mike Mackey	Lou Whiting
Laura Durham	J. Glenn Hopkins	Annabelle O’Keefe	Justin Williams
Kate Garvey	Kurt Huffman	Javan Owens	Jacinta Green
Angela Green	Councilwoman Amy Jackson		

**Excused Absent**

Kelley Organek  
Maile Organek  
Heather Thornton

**Unexcused Absent**

Garrison Hayes

**Staff**

Shawn Brown	Chelsea Eickert
Noraine Buttar	Dr. Stacey Hardy-Chandler
Robin Crawley	

**Guest:**

Allen Lomax

**WELCOME**

Amanda Hazelwood, Chair-Elect, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT NOVEMBER MINUTES**

Meeting minutes from November were reviewed and approved.

**OLD BUSINESS – CHILDREN AND YOUTH MASTER PLAN TIMELINE**

The Children and Youth Master Plan Coordinator reviewed the timeline for finalizing the Plan. The 42 Action Plans that make up CYMP are still being refined. When finished, a draft will be provided to the Commission for a fatal flaw review. From there, DCHS Communications will design the layout of the Plan and it will go before the City Council for a first read. At that time, a public hearing will be held, and at the following legislative meeting, City Council will endorse the Plan. The Plan will also need endorsement from the School Board.

**OLD BUSINESS – COMMITTEE REPORTS**

During their meeting, Goal Group One decided that they will reach out to family-service providers that contribute to health and safety and thank them for their service. They will also inform the providers about the CYMP, with particular attention to the initiatives in the first goal. The Committee also discussed the need for a provider survey; the purpose of the survey would be to understand the needs of the organization.

Goal Group Two discussed participation in online forums and locating data on rates of chronic absenteeism. Goal Group Three reported key takeaways from their Committee meeting – they will work to ensure that efforts will be centered around the needs and wellbeing of populations aimed to benefit; all work will be founded in real planning and commitment; they will work hard to reduce barriers and increase access to mental health supports; encourage community building; and advocate for policies and budget decisions that advance the CYMP.

#### **NEW BUSINESS - COMMUNICATIONS PLAN**

The Commission discussed the need for a Communications Plan, which will be critical as the City heads into the legislative process. A Communications Plan is needed to ensure that partners and community groups understand and support the Plan, and to inform the Community about the rollout of the Plan. The Communications Plan will include a press release, social media outreach, and Commissioners serving as ambassadors to communicate to different groups on behalf of the Plan. The creation of a video to promote CYMP was also considered.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority’s annual toy distribution event, “Santa’s Winter Wonderland,” will be held this year.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.