

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

ATTENDANCE

Present

Councilman Canek Aguirre
Rose Dawson
Laura Durham
Kate Garvey
Jacinta Greene

Amanda Hazelwood
J. Glenn Hopkins
Kurt Huffman
Jamica Littles
Mike Mackey

Kelley Organek
Javan Owens
Christina Sherlock
Isra Shuster

Excused Absent

Julie Crawford
Councilwoman Amy Jackson
Tammy Mann
Brian Orrenmaa
Dianara Saget

Heather Thornton

Unexcused Absent

Peter Kallin
Brent McKenzie

Staff

Stacey Hardy-Chandler
Noraine Buttar
Robin Crawley
Chelsea Eickert

Guest

Allen Lomax

WELCOME

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT FEBRUARY MINUTES

Meeting minutes from September and October were approved.

OLD BUSINESS - FINALIZE FIVE YEAR REPORT CELEBRATION AND REVIEW COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Commissioners were asked to review accomplishments from the Five-Year Report for their Goal Group and affirm everything accurately reflects what they want to communicate and celebrate

with the community next month. Since it was difficult to determine if it was accurate without the full report in front of them, Noraine Buttar will resend the full report to the group.

There was a question about the Early childhood work group and whether the Commission was claiming credit for the formation of the group. While the work group is linked to the Plan, the Commission should be careful on how it's introduced as an achievement.

The Celebration's agenda was discussed. Items include: a brief intro of what the Plan is and how it was developed, a representative from each Goal Group will highlight successes and how we're moving forward with the next Plan, and offer people a chance to sign up for a Work Group.

Members from each Goal Committee volunteered to present their Goal's achievements: Isra Shuster will speak for Group 1. Glenn Hopkins will speak for Group 2. Dr. Tammy Mann will be asked to speak for Group 3. Dianara Saget or Kurt Huffman will speak for Group 4. Jamica Littles will speak for Group 5. Chelsea Eickert will provide an update on the Planning Process.

Commissioners were asked to help distribute the flyer for the event. Kurt Huffman will help get translators for the event through ACPS.

NEW BUSINESS – REVIEW THEMES FROM LEGACY WORKSHOP

The planning process for CYMP 2025 has included community engagement through a series of Workshops. The Commission participated in the Workshop last month. Commissioners reviewed the Community Engagement Strategies, outputs, and responses collected.

NEW BUSINESS – NEXT STEPS IN CYMP PLAN PROCESS

Chelsea Eickert gave a brief summary of the community engagement strategies used for updating the Children and Youth Master Plan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Update on student environmental action** -The student-led group, Kids Standing for Tomorrow, will soon present at the Environmental Policy Commission.
- b. Community Health Improvement Plan Update** - Three community workshops were held after the community identified three priorities and their root causes. Forty people have attended each of the workshops. Next, work groups will be formed around each of the three priority areas. A draft of the CHIP will be completed sometime in the spring. Once all plans have been drafted, the planners will see where strategies and actions steps align and where gaps remain. Data will be shared among the partners, which will help inform their plans. Members are encouraged to participate in these work groups.

- c. **Boards and Commissions Meeting** - At a recent DCHS Boards and Commissions Meeting, there was consensus around the need to understand affordable housing.
- d. **Opioid Strategic Plan Town Hall** - Monday November 18th
- e. **Holiday Fund** is looking for sponsors and volunteers 6 years up. Spread the word.
- f. **Detention Center Study** - There is currently an independent study being conducted on Alexandria's detention center since its utilization has dropped. Feedback sessions will be held for community members to talk about the issue and give feedback to the Moss Group. An online Survey is also available on City's website. For more information, contact Mike Mackey at mike.mackey@alexandriava.gov.

ADJOURNMENT