

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairs: Tammy Mann and Eric Williams

The Executive Committee is comprised of the elected Commission officers (Chairman, Chairman-elect, and immediate Past-Chairman) along with the chairs of each Commission committee. It is led by the Commission Chairman and Chairman-Elect. The Executive Committee oversees and coordinates organizational activities; sets the Commission meeting agenda; makes decisions consistent with those adopted by the Commission; oversees implementation of the Council's work plan as developed by the Commission; conducts periodic reviews of the purpose and membership of the other Commission committees and makes recommendations to the Commission for any changes; and addresses any issues requiring immediate attention of the Commission.

ADVOCACY AND POLICY

Chair: Glenn Hopkins

Vice-Chair: Giselle Brown

The Advocacy and Policy Committee reviews legislative issues, recommends policy and operational or procedural changes as appropriate; prepares briefing materials and position statements for distribution throughout the community; and prepares the annual report to City Council and the School Board based on Commission activities and meeting minutes.

FINANCE AND GRANTS

Chair: Anthony R. Smith

Vice-Chair: Sonia Price

The Finance and Grants Committee reviews City and School budgets, and provides recommendations during the budget cycle as appropriate; develops grant guidelines, identifying potential efficiencies in funding practices between the schools and the City regarding youth issues and determines financial impact of suggested youth program changes; and audits grant reports to determine cost benefit and measure effectiveness, recommending metric adjustments as appropriate.

IMPLEMENTATION MONITORING

Co-Chair: Stacey Joyner

Co-Chair: Gwen Mullen

The Implementation and Monitoring Committee reviews, evaluates, and discusses the quality and effectiveness of key programs as identified in a youth master plan.

OUTREACH AND MEMBERSHIP

Co-Chairs: Rose Dawson

Co-Chair: Brian Orrenmaa

The Outreach and Membership Committee is responsible for the annual training of Commission members as well as recruiting new members (voting and non-voting) with particular attention to encouraging diversity and broad representation (racial, cultural, socio-economic status, geographical, age, gender and variety of experience with youth programs) along with subject matter expertise and particular skills identified for the successful completion of the Commission's mission. In addition, the committee identifies potential new community partners for children, youth and family programs and assists the development of a Memorandum of Understanding, as appropriate; provides periodic briefings and presentations throughout the community on Commission activities; reviews applications for committee membership; and makes recommendations to City Council and the School Board on appointments to the Commission.

RESEARCH AND DATA

Chair: Kendalee Walker

The Research and Data Committee collects and distributes outcome data on initiatives in a youth master plan; reviews research literature on successful youth studies and monitors efforts by youth commissions, partnerships and collaborations throughout the nation as well as youth programs in the City of Alexandria to identify best practices; participates in regional, state and national forums as appropriate; and recommends procedures and processes for the sharing of data across the city and between programs.

YOUTH COUNCIL

Alexandria Youth Council President: Vacant

The functions and duties of the Youth Council are to build the foundation that supports youth engagement in the activities of the Commission; provide a forum for youth input regarding the effectiveness of programs; represent youth across the city through regular communication with various youth groups; and create opportunities for youth to make a difference in Alexandria policy and decision making processes.