

**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING NOTES – MAY 9, 2012**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORKROOM**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present**

Emma Beall	Gregory Hutchings	Joyce Rawlings
Rosario Casiano	Timothy Kennedy	Cynthia Skinner
William Chesley	Tammy Mann	Carri Stoltz
Rose Dawson	Gwen Mullen	Margaret Walsh
Sheryl Gorsuch	Jeffrey Murphy	Marc Williams
Samuel Hanoura	Timothy Peterson	
J. Glenn Hopkins	Sonia Price	

**Excused Absent**

Victoria Cattaneo	Mike Gilmore	Councilman Rob Krupicka
Andria Cook	Councilwoman Alicia Hughes	Amy Fortney Parks

**Unexcused Absent**

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**Staff**

Carol Farrell	Ron Frazier
Barbara Farrington	Deborah Warren

**Approval of the April 11, 2012 Meeting Notes**

A motion to approve the notes from the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting was made by Gwen Mullen and seconded by Timothy Peterson. The meeting notes were unanimously approved.

**Continued Discussion of Commission Priorities and Follow Up on Survey Results**

Ron Frazier provided a brief update and distributed copies of the revised survey results prepared by Mike Mackey (attached). The update included the additional survey responses from Commissioners who had not previously responded. Mr. Frazier also provided a separate analysis of the survey's first question: *In the coming year, what would you like to see the new Commission accomplish?* The responses were grouped by subheadings under the CYFCC Committees (attached). Dr. Mann indicated that this information would be used as background materials for the upcoming retreat.

**Framework for the upcoming Commission Retreat**

Dr. Mann outlined the format for the Commission Retreat scheduled for June 13, 2012. It will begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m.; the actual retreat will begin sharply at 6:00 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m.

The retreat will include three major presentations:

- What We Know – featuring a presentation on youth demographics and outcome data on key indicators;
- What's Available – featuring an overview of major youth programs, services and initiatives and other available resources; and

- Where Do We Want To Go – this portion of the retreat will involve the development of the Commission’s strategic work plan.

At the retreat, members will breakout into Commission Committees to determine commission priorities and develop deliverables or outcomes that they will achieve in a year.

### **Recommendations for populating the CYFCC committees**

Timothy Peterson acknowledged that populating the committees was complicated. The Executive Committee’s preliminary recommendations were presented as follows:

- Committee terms limited to one year, with the possibility for re-appointment.
- Size of the committees capped with the addition of five to six, volunteer or non-Commission members.
- Membership and Outreach Committee responsible for committee recruitment to be approved by CYFCC members of the respective committees.
- Non-Alexandria residents with expertise or interest in serving will be considered for committee membership.

Rose Dawson, Chair, Membership and Outreach Committee, distributed copies of the membership assignments, developed based on combination of previously indicated committee selections and areas of expertise.

It was the consensus of the group that the Executive Committee would make the final determinations for a process for populating committees based on the input and consensus from the meeting.

### **Proposed future CYFCC meeting agenda items**

Discussion of this agenda was deferred, as it was determined that the outcome of the retreat would determine many of the major agenda items.

### **Other Issues**

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

Glenn Hopkins distributed copies of the CYFCC budget recommendations. He noted that programs for children, youth and families did not fare well in the budget adopted by the City Council. There was considerable discussion on funding cuts to the proposed budget for the Schools, and loss of funding for childcare initiatives.

It was the general consensus of the group that the Commission position itself for future opportunities to impact budget decisions. Mr. Hopkins noted that the Commission could possibly have another opportunity to influence the budget by trying to impact decisions around how the City’s surplus money will be used. The City announces its surplus in August or September.

The Budget and Advocacy Committee was charged with putting together a strategy for looking at future funding opportunities and ways to garner more community-wide support for children, youth and family initiatives.

## **Announcements**

The following upcoming events were announced:

- Alexandria City Public Schools received the 2012 Magna Award, a national recognition program co-sponsored by *American School Board Journal*, the National School Boards Association, and Sodexo School Services that honors school board best practices and innovative programs that advance student learning, for their strategic plan.
- 100 Best Communities for Young People reception recognizing the City's designation for 2011 by America's Promise and the new commission, May 17.
- Child Mental Health Awareness Day event, May 9, *Moving Beyond Trauma*.
- Gifted and Talented Workshop at Minnie Howard featuring Dr. Joy Davis, author of *Black Talented and Gifted*, May 19.

As an aside issue, the Commission members recommended the Schools consider changing the *TAG (Talented and Gifted)* designation to *Advanced*. Members felt that this name was less alienating and stigmatizing.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.