

**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING NOTES – OCTOBER 9, 2013**  
**CITY HALL, SISTER CITIES ROOM**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present**

Bill Campbell	J. Glenn Hopkins	Jeffrey Murphy
Rosaria Casiano	Stacey Joyner	Timothy Peterson
Councilman John Chapman	Councilman Timothy Lovain	Sonia Price
William Chesley	Mike Mackey	Joyce Rawlings
Andria Cook	Tammy Mann	Cynthia Skinner
Rose Dawson	Sean McEneaney	Emma West
Mike Gilmore	Gwen Mullen	Marc Williams
Samuel Hanoura		

**Excused Absent**

Dan Solomon	Margaret Walsh
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**Guests**

Lyndon Murray

**Staff**

Deborah Warren	Carol Farrell	Ron Frazier
Jacqueline Coachman	Barbara Farrington	

**Review and Approval of Draft Notes of September 25 Special Meeting**

Sean McEneaney moved that the minutes of the special meeting be approved as submitted. After a second by Cynthia Skinner, the minutes were approved

**Consideration of Draft Children and Youth Master Plan**

Amendments to the youth master plan that were submitted after the special meeting of September 25 were considered by the commissioners.

**Amendment 24:** Mike Mackey proposed that “Decrease Number of Youth Entering the Juvenile Justice System” (page 9) be revised to read “Decrease Number of Youth and Young Adults within the Juvenile/Adult Justice Systems”. Glenn Hopkins made the motion to approve the amendment with a minor revision. Mike Gilmore provided the second and the amendment approved.

**Amendment 25:** Tammy Mann recommended revisions to pages 11-15 because a better definition of resiliency was needed and the strategies did not coalesce. Gwen Mullen offered a friendly amendment to Strategy 5 Action Steps 3/4/5 (page 15). The revised amendment reads: “Deliver quality, age-appropriate programming to promote positive developmental outcomes and foster a growth mindset”. Ms. Skinner shared a friendly amendment from Dan Solomon that returned this action step to its original form (“Ensure that all licensed educational programs meet the highest state accreditation standards”); the revision was not accepted. It was the recommendation of Ms. Skinner that “the number of youth pursuing postsecondary education and training” be revised to read “the number of youth pursuing and completing postsecondary education and training”. Mr. Mackey noted the need for consistent formatting of that set of action steps. Mr. McEneaney moved approval of the amendment as revised. Ms. Mullen seconded the motion, which passed.

**Amendment 26:** Ms. Farrell recommended that Strategy 4 Action Step 1 be amended to read “Ensure that Pre-K programs are aligned with Virginia’s Foundation Blocks for Early Learning”.

Because Strategy 4 Action Step 2 was rewritten to encompass Action Step 1, the amendment was withdrawn.

**Amendment 27:** The intent of the amendment by Carol Farrell and Ron Frazier was to clarify Strategy 4 Action Step 3, which read “Ensure that all licensed educational programs meet the highest state accreditation standards”. Because of revisions to Strategy 4 Action Step 2, the amendment was no longer necessary.

**Amendment 28:** Mr. Mackey proposed the amendment to add private school students as well as a “family community service” component to Strategy 5 Action Step 6. The action step originally read “Coordinate with and support ACPS efforts to provide opportunities to develop civic responsibility through community service projects; encourage participation in team sports, internships and afterschool activities”. The reference to ACPS was deleted. In addition, it was the recommendation of Mr. Hopkins that Strategy 5 Action Step 1 be revised as follows: “Actively involve youth, their families and other community members in community service and partnerships, neighborhood building, boards, program planning and assessments, and on other city commissions”. Mike Gilmore moved the amendment as revised be approved; Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion and it passed.

**Amendment 29:** The purpose of the amendment by Ms. Mullen was to add the goal of raising awareness of the importance of attending school. The importance of daily attendance was added to the introductory paragraph in “Defining, Empowering and Equipping Families”.

**Amendment 30:** The amendment by Mr. Mackey proposed that the vision of a mentor for every child in need be added to the plan. The amendment was withdrawn.

**Amendment 31:** Mr. Mackey proposed that out-of-school time programs include followership or teamwork development as well as leadership development/career exploration. A motion by Mr. McEnearney (second by Mr. Gilmore) added teamwork development. The motion passed.

**Amendment 32:** The amendment by Mr. Frazier proposed a more practical timeframe for measuring the progress of plan implementation. Mr. McEnearney moved the amendment as revised: “to measure progress annually and implement strategies within five years”. After a second by Mr. Hopkins, the motion passed with two nays.

Mr. McEnearney moved the draft plan as amended be distributed for public comment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mann and passed unanimously. Rosaria Casiano asked if a Spanish version of the plan would be made available. Councilman Lovain asked if at least an overview in Spanish could be provided, and Chair Peterson suggested a summary that lists priorities.

### **Discussion of Volunteer Recruitment for CYFCC Committees**

Andria Cook reported that several applications for CYFCC committees have been received and a number were from the Design Team. Chair Peterson asked each CYFCC member to actively recruit potential committee members. Ms. Mullen asked if language could be drafted that would assist the recruitment efforts of commissioners; Ms. Cook agreed to do so. Ms. Cook also announced that at the last meeting of the Budget Committee, Mr. McEnearney was elected chair. Samuel Hanoura volunteered to prepare announcements to be broadcast at T. C. Williams.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.