

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION
MEETING NOTES – SEPTEMBER 14, 2016
CITY HALL, ROOM 1101

ATTENDANCE

Present

Councilman Will Bailey	J. Glenn Hopkins	Michael Suppa
Councilman John Chapman	Melissa Little	Kendallee Walker
Julie Crawford	Gerald Mann	Eric Williams
Rose Dawson	Gwen Mullen	
Ramee Gentry	Brian Orrenmaa	

Excused Absent

Natnael Adere	Kate Garvey	Tammy Mann
Ronnie Campbell	Gwendolyn Lewis	Sonia Price
William Chesley	Mike Mackey	

Unexcused Absent

Robin Blair	Joyce Rawlings	Carlos Suber
Giselle Brown		

Staff

Carol Farrell	Ron Frazier	Shanna Samson
Barbara Farrington	Jonathan Leonberger	Deborah Warren

Guests

Noraine Buttar	Dr. Marcia Jackson, ACPS
Whitney Chao	Allen Lomax

WELCOME

Eric Williams, the newly elected chair, welcomed members to the first meeting of the fiscal year.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF DRAFT MAY MEETING NOTES

The June 27 Meeting notes were reviewed but formal approval was delayed until the arrival of additional members providing a quorum. The notes were approved unanimously, after a motion by Ramee Gentry and seconded by Councilman Will Bailey.

PRESENTATION ON THE 2016 DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS SURVEY

Deborah Warren provided opening remarks and introduced Allen Lomax, Chair, Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria (SAPCA), who in turn lauded the collaborative effort between the ACPS, SAPCA, DCHS, and Health Department in conducting and analyzing survey results. He announced that they had set a schedule to offer the Youth Risk Behavior Survey one year and the Developmental Assets the subsequent year. The third year would be an off year when neither survey would be conducted.

Whitney Chao, SAPCA Coordinator, provided an overview of the developmental assets and discussed their relationship to positive youth development. Clint Page provided an analysis of the survey results, and aligned between the 40 Developmental Assets and the CYMP and ACPS 20/20 Plan. Some of data highlights include:

- On average, students are reporting more assets than in any previous survey administration (2000, 2006, 2010, 2013)
- As a whole, survey respondents reported greater rates and growth of internal assets when compared to external assets particularly in the categories of Positive Values and Social Competencies.

- The external asset categories of Support and Empowerment had the lowest average asset scores and displayed relatively minimal rates of improvement.
- The internal asset category of Positive Identity declined across all four asset areas when compared to 2009 results and should also be considered an area of focus moving forward.

Mr. Page outlined steps on how the Schools plan to utilize the data to improve outcomes for students. Deborah Warren discussed ways that the Goal Groups and the Commission can use the information to make data driven decisions in implementing the CYMP.

In response to a question from Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Page said that they were unable to correlate the survey data with the socio economic background of the participants as that information was not specifically asked. Mr. Hopkins felt that this information could have been more relevant to understanding the survey results than just looking at race/ethnicity.

VISION FOR COMMISSION'S FY 17 DIRECTION

Mr. Williams outlined his goals for the year, stressing his desire to see the Commission to conduct more outreach, in order to become more visible and active in the community. To this end, he announced his desire to create a community engagement committee to build on the progress of the development and implementation of the Children and Youth Master Plan. Mr. Williams wants the Commission to host two community forums. The motion to establish the committee was made by Glenn Hopkins and seconded by Councilman John Chapman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/PLANS

Budget & Finance – Deborah Warren reminded the group that the Committee needs a chair.

Advocacy – Legislative Calendar – Mr. Hopkins reported that the Advocacy Committee, which will be developing a work plan, will meet the 3rd Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at ACPS Central Office. He noted that Ramee Gentry had joined his committee.

In lieu of providing a letter of support for the upcoming Community Health Fair, the Commission unanimously voted to support a motion by Glenn Hopkins and seconded by Rose Dawson expressing support for the Fair.

Outreach & Membership – Rose Dawson reported that Eric Williams, whose term had expired, was re-appointed by City Council. She added that the youth members, Kendall Walker and Natnael Adere, terms expire in October and that the committee would provide letters of support as it has in the past for the expiring terms of other members. Ron Frazier added that he would seek to determine the hold up in appointments of Julie Crawford and Michele Smith-Howard to the Commission.

Research and Data – Ms. Walker noted that she did not have anything new to report. Members were presented with bound copies of the 2016 Alexandria Children and Youth Profile.

Implementation Monitoring – Gwen Mullen announced that the Committee would convene a meeting prior to the October Commission meeting to receive a comprehensive report from staff on the status of the implementation of the CYMP.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.