

Commission on the Status of Children & Youth

August 15th, 2023

5:30pm

Present: Erin Reynolds, Katie Hopkins, Tatiana Wheeler, Jad Labban, and Danielle Willis

1. Introductions

Katie made a motion to start the meeting at 5:36pm. Jad seconded the motion. We had guests so we did introductions. Commissioners from the Community Advisory on Public Safety came to share a brief presentation on their Alternative Public Safety Report. The Commissioners from CAPS asked CSCY to endorse a letter to Mayor Hamilton. Toiya informed us that we aren't able to vote on this as a commissioner until we get the say so from legal. She added that commissioners can endorse a letter as private individuals. You can find more information about CAPS [here](#).

2. Request for additional agenda items

Toiya requested to add the mental health guide to the city staff liaison report.

3. Approval of Minutes: July 18th

Jad and Tatiana found some typos. Katie made a motion to approve the minutes. Jad seconded the motion.

4. New Business

Read for the Record is a national initiative from JumpStart. Volunteers go to a school and read to classes. [Jumpstart's Read for The Record Day](#) is October 26th, 2023. MCCSC has already approved for us to come to the schools. Aubrey Sader will be coordinating this event on Toiya's behalf. She has already put together a school sign up form. Shatoiya informed the group that they will send 1-2 volunteers per school. This reading initiative will be housed through CSCY. Toiya's department will be purchasing the books. Books are available in English and Spanish.

5. Old Business

- A. **Brochure (Tatiana):** Brochure is complete. You can find it [here](#).
- B. **Update Website:** The commission has tabled this until Liz is hired back on.
- C. **S.W.A.G.G.E.R. Awards (Katie):** We have a S.W.A.G.G.E.R flier with a QR code for the nomination. Katie informed the group that we will be seeking donations for food for about 75 people. There is a donation letter for the S.W.A.G.G.E.R folder. People can do a sponsored donation, if they prefer to give monetarily. Katie recommends going in pairs when seeking donations. S.W.A.G.G.E.R nomination form is [here](#). Toiya informed the commission that she created the presentation, press release, and graphic for S.W.A.G.G.E.R. She is currently putting together the template for

the certificates. Aubrey will be coordinating food and getting Jimmy John's. Toiya has already briefed Marissa on everything pertaining to S.W.A.G.G.E.R. Toiya will share all SWAGGER materials with us. She also mentioned that she has some prizes leftover from the summits. She told the commission that she is willing to donate whatever prizes she has.

D. Tabling the MCSC Open Houses (Erin):

Katie informed the group that her and Tatiana tabled at North High School. Danielle informed the group that she isn't able to table for Tri-North. As a parent, there are too many responsibilities. However, she is willing and able to take brochures and share information about CSCY. Erin informed the group that University and the Graduation School aren't hosting open houses to community members. Emily is tabling at Summit today. Danielle will be at Arlington on the 24th and Jad will be at Templeton on the 24th.

E. Schools Out Summer Celebration

The Commission decided to table this until November/December.

F. Teen Commission Liaisons: (Tatiana)

This initiative is pending on the engagement we get from the interest form. Toiya already brought this initiative to our new MCCSC liaison. Tatiana informed the group that someone else might have to chair this initiative because she has moved and is unsure if it's outside city limits. Toiya will check on city limits and get back on it.

G. YPB initiatives: This initiative is on pause. Shatoyia is waiting to see what the new administration decides.

6. City Staff Liaison Report

Shatoyia informed the commission that she will be having a meeting with Marissa about everything related to CSCY before she leaves for maternity leave. Official leave will be starting the 2nd week of September. She is planning to return early November. Marissa's Commission on the Status of Women found out that IU health will no longer have mental health services for children 10 and under. So they are looking at synthesizing resources for parents. Marissa will share information about the mental health guide. Marissa will be our liaison while Toiya is on leave.

7. Community Updates

Katie sent the commission to the Thriving Connections Open House on August 31st. Toiya informed the group that Leadership Bloomington applications are open.

8. Adjournment

Katie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm. Erin seconded the motion.