

# Commission on the Status of Children & Youth

October 17th, 2023

5:30pm

**Present:** Erin Reynolds, Tatiana Wheeler, Emily Alford, Jad Labban, Marissa Parr-Scott, Da'Ja Askew, and Danielle Willis

## 1. Introductions

Meeting began at 5:36pm. The group didn't have a quorum til 5:51pm, so we skipped approving the September minutes.

## 2. New Business

There wasn't any new business.

## 3. Old Business

A. **SWAGGER:** Erin said it went really well. Marissa agreed that the event went well. She wondered if there would be more participation if the event was held on a different day than a Friday. Emily added that in the fall, we are competing with a lot of clubs and sports. Marissa brought up an idea to survey attendee's experience for future SWAGGER events. Erin asked if Marissa could send a survey to attendees for this year's SWAGGER event. Marissa agreed to send that survey out.

### B. **Teen Commission Liaisons: (Tatiana)**

The commission discussed next steps for this initiative. Emily re-shared the [Teen Commission Liaison Job Description](#) with the commission.

Marissa shared her experience of having teen liaisons on the Status of Women Commission. She suggested that the commission discuss what we expect the teen liaisons to do. She also suggested the commissioners reach out to youth serving providers for recommendations. Danielle gave an idea of us going to the school to recruit students. Erin suggested a protocol that includes a questionnaire that could be a way we filter through interested students. The commission would then review responses from the questionnaire, then invite students. The commission discussed using the following questions:

- Why do you want to be a teen liaison?
- What are you involved in now? (Hobbies, sports, clubs, volunteer experience)
- What does community engagement/involvement mean to you?

- What are your future goals?

Emily offered to make a rubric. Tatiana offered to make a flier for the teen liaison positions. Marissa offered to make the jot form. Da'ja offered to reach out to Black Student Union and the Black Culture Club at Bloomington North and South High Schools. The rest of the commissioners will reach out to all connections to schools and youth serving agencies.

The group discussed a timeline of getting the flier distributed between October 23rd through mid November. A goal was set to review the responses from the questionnaire in December and to send out invitations in December for them to join us in our January meeting. Tatiana asked the commission what age of teens they wanted to focus on. The commission chose to focus on 9th-12th grade.

- C. **Read for the Record** There are 8 elementary schools that have signed up to participate in Read for the Record. 3 of the schools will have books being read in Spanish. The event will be taking place on Thursday October 26th from 10-3pm. There are 16 volunteers who signed up so far. Marissa informed the group that Aubrey is looking for volunteers specifically for 12-3pm. If you are available, please sign up [here](#).

#### **4. City Staff Liaison Report**

Marissa informed the commission that the City is hosting an appreciation event for Boards and Commissions on October 24th 5:30-7:30pm at the Waldron Arts Building. There will be appetizers and a cash bar. Marissa informed the commission of soon expiring terms. Katie, Emily, and Jad's terms are ending in January 2023. They will need to decide if they will request to renew their term.

#### **5. Community Updates**

Monroe County Childhood Condition Summit's theme is belonging. The summit will be on November 1st from 8-3pm at the Monroe Convention Center.

#### **6. Adjournment**

Erin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm. Emily seconded the motion.

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