



**City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Children and Youth
Meeting Minutes June- 20th, 2017**

Commissioners Present: Donna Bernens-Kinkead, Georg'ann Cattelona, Matt Hanauer, Isadore Torry, and Julie Warren, All Bell, Shawna Meyer-Niederman.

Regrets: Amy Makice.

Absent: None.

Guests: None.

City Commission Staff Liaison: Nancy Woolery.

The meeting was called to order by Julie Warren at 5:30 pm.

Welcome New CSCY Commissioner

- The group welcomed Allen Bell to the commission, newly appointed by the Mayor.

Committee Work Groups & Reporting

- Advocacy / Legislation
 - This subcommittee is focusing on gathering and sharing information on state legislation, current state level standing committees, and summer study committees.
- Research / Reporting
 - This group is currently gathering information regarding youth and children in Monroe County and Bloomington. Then based upon these documents, put together guides with easy to digest information for practitioners and grant writers. The commissioners will also look into what the BTCC has already put together.
- Partnerships / Workshops ideas
 - This group discussed working with other commissions on the City's bicentennial project; will reach out to the Status of Black Males, Women, and Hispanic and Latino Affairs commissions to gauge interest. They suggested this project could get youth involved in the process by possibly creating essays or artwork. This subcommittee is thinking about the commission's resources and possibly creating a list of events that CSCY could attend or help promote. They also want to look at hosting meetings with MCCSC officials and other youth service organizations.

Approval of May 16, 2017 Minutes

- With the amendment of the correct date to the May minutes, motion to approve Fiora Pizzo, and Isadore Torry seconds, unanimously approved.

Staff Liaison Report

- The city has a new website.
- Stone Belt and Life Designs will have an advocacy session for changes to Medicaid Friday July 7th 11am-1:30pm at St. Marks United Methodist Church.

BTCC Update

- Tomorrow, Wednesday June 21st, the Nonprofit Alliance will have an advocacy event to discuss the promotion of advocacy at the Village Deli from 8:00 am -9:00 am.

HCCC Strategic Doing Pack

- Tara Green will serve as our liaison to the BTCC. She provided an overview of the pack to Julie Warren, Isadore Torry, and Fiora Pizzo. It was shared with the entire commission at the meeting. The commission is thinking about how they can integrate the “thinking strategically” framework to make their decision-making process more effective. It was suggested that each committee go through the framework as they start projects.

Lunch Shaming Collaborative Commission Letter

- The Commissions on the Status of Black Males, Status of Women, and Hispanic and Latino Affairs (all under the Bloomington Community and Family Resources department) wrote a letter to the school board expressing their concern about the school board’s position on policy 8500.
- The commission further discussed their concerns and possible ideas for solving the school lunch issue. The commission is willing to provide input and ideas to the school board.
- Additionally, there is an advocacy group for lunch shaming at Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard tomorrow, June 21st, at 5:15pm-6:00pm.

Donna-Addressing MCCSC School Board on June 27 at 6:00 pm.

- Donna Bernens-Kinhead will be speaking to the school board on behalf the commission to voice the commission’s concerns about the policy.

SWAGGER Timeline (Including Video to Post)

- The commission will open submissions for the SWAGGER Awards on 9-11-17 and close them on 10-16-17. Reviewing will start immediately after by at least three commissioners (TBD), and winners will be presented to the commission at October meeting. Awards presentation will take place on 11-14-17, in lieu of regular meeting. The commission discussed the idea of setting up individualized meetings with local youth agencies to discuss the SWAGGER award to increase nominations. The commission also discussed the idea of creating a promotions video and will create a google doc to brainstorm ideas for the video.

Adjournment

- Fiora Pizzo moved and Isadore Torry seconded, and unanimously approved to end the meeting. Next Meeting July 18th at 5:30 pm, Hooker Conference Room, Suite 245.