



**City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Children and Youth
Meeting Minutes July- 18, 2017**

Commissioners Present: Allen Bell, Donna Bernens-Kinkead, Georg'ann Cattelona, Matt Hanauer, Shawna Meyer-Niederman, Fiora Pizzo and Julie Warren.

Regrets: Amy Makice and Isadore Torry.

Absent: None.

Guests: Vivian Ashmawi, Executive Director of Communities in the Schools (CIS) of Indiana and Nicole Watkins.

Community in the Schools of Indiana:

- The Communities in Schools of Indiana affiliate and CIS site coordinator leverage partnerships to connect students and families with community resources, tailoring them to their specific needs.
- The commission had concerns about funding and CIS's past activities. The commission is concerned about CIS employees obtaining the proper licensure and how familiar CIS is with the local community and resources. Vivian talked to the commission to educate them about the project and asked for referrals regarding formation of their local steering committee.

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

Committee Work Groups & Reporting

- Advocacy / Legislation
 - The advocacy group will be utilizing the Strategic Doing Planning framework to guide their next steps.
- Research / Reporting
 - The research and reporting team has put together a list of 20 data resources and will be taking these resources and creating five unique "data nuggets" from each source. They will then create infographics from those data sources.
- Partnerships / Workshops ideas
 - No members were present to hold a meeting.
- Bicentennial Cross-Commission Project
 - The commission is reaching out to the following commissions: Hispanic and Latino Affairs, Black Males, and the Status of Women. The commission will coordinate a meeting with these commissions and discuss how to collaborate for the City's Bicentennial. One idea is to get the Monroe County History Center involved and produce an exhibit.

Approval of May 16, 2017 Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes by Fiora Pizzo and Shawna Meyer-Niederman, and seconded unanimously approved.

Staff Liaison Report

- The Mayor has confirmed that he will present the SWAGGER Awards on November 14th. Nancy asked if the commission would like to hold the ceremony at another location due to the public attending a meeting that evening, but all agreed the Atrium worked well.

BTCC Update

- The BTCC is working with the IU School of Public Health in September to conduct social inclusion focus groups. CSCY will be hosting one of these meetings October 4th from 11:30am-1:00pm. BTCC will also be holding a feedback session on health August 16th from 5pm-7pm. BTCC is thinking about another data walk that could be put on by the CSCY research and reporting team. The BTCC is holding an art contest for the cover of the Data Summit. Finally, the BTCC is beginning to formalize their collaboration grants.
- Monroe County Childhood Conditions Summit is holding an art contest for children and youth to design the cover for the program for this year's event. All submissions must include the date, time and location of the event (Thursday, December 7th from 9am-5pm at the Monroe County Convention Center). The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate. Submissions are due by 9/1 and can be emailed to prism@bloomingtonpride.org

SWAGGER Timeline

- Promo video:
 - The commission decided to move forward with Allen's ideas. Allen will provide an update on his progress at the next meeting.
- Other promotion:
 - BTCC will place important SWAGGER dates on their calendar. CSCY will reach out to social workers, school counselors, and other youth serving organizations. Shawna will start a google document listing all of the possible youth serving organizations that CSCY could contact.
- Timeline recap:
 - Sept. 11 – Nominations open.
 - Oct. 16 – Nomination deadline.
 - Oct. 17 – Review committee presents winners to full commission.
 - Oct. 18 – Notify all nominators and invite them to awards presentation.
 - Nov. 14 – Awards presentation (in lieu of meeting).

Other Community Events/Updates

- MCCSC is interested in starting an endowment for school lunch funds. Another way CSCY could help is through distributing the link to donate and find support for parents to sign up for free and reduced lunch. A new organization called Kids Play Gym will be opening soon.

Adjournment

- Donna moved and Georg'ann seconded, and unanimously approved to end the meeting.
Next meeting August 15 at 5:30 pm, Hooker Conference Room, Suite 245.