



**City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Children and Youth
Meeting Minutes August 15, 2017**

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

Regrets: Amy Makice, Shawna Meyer-Niederman, and Isadore Torry.

Absent: Fiora Pizzo

Guest: Nicole Watkins

CSCY: Staff Liaison

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

Committee Work Groups & Reporting

- Committee groups did not meet today.

Approval of July 18, 2017 Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes by Donna and Georg'ann, and seconded unanimously approved with changes discussed in meeting.

Staff Liaison Report

- Nancy presented an article in the paper that discussed \$100,000 in additional city funding for fiscal year 2018 for early childhood education. Earlier this year, Governor Eric Holcomb announced that Monroe County is being added to Indiana's On My Way Pre-K pilot program, which provides funding to programs serving 4-year-olds from families with household incomes at or below 127 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.

BTCC Update

- BTCC is hosting a feedback session at lower Cascades Park in the Watershed shelter from 5-7pm for their annual summit with a health theme. BTCC is also soliciting art from youth for the cover of its annual meeting.
- The commission discussed the idea of submitting a roundtable about data sharing among local agencies.
- The cross-sector team meetings have been productive and BTCC is starting to drill down on topics such as outcomes.

SWAGGER

- Matt will clean the data so that the reviewers cannot see any identifying information. Georg'ann, Allen, and Julie will be on the SWAGGER award review committee.

- Once the review committee has made their selections, they will be sent out to the rest of the committee so that they can review the selection via email before the October meeting. The nomination deadline is now October 16th. The commission was very pleased with its first SWAGGER promotional video, produced by Commissioner Allen Bell. The commission will add a link at the end of the video so that those watching the video can go directly to the nomination form.
- The commission discussed several promotion ideas: reaching out to Pam Thrash, PSA with voiceover from video, and sending out a press release, which when approved by the Mayor's office, would be shared to promote on social media pages and emailed to youth service organizations, etc. The commission also discussed the idea of reviewing Shawna's community organization document and the commissioners promote the SWAGGER award with organizations they are familiar with.
- Nancy and Julie will contact organizations from their donation list for SWAGGER prizes, and contact new organizations such as Laser Lite and Urban Air.
- The commission agreed to recognize all of the nominees at the SWAGGER ceremony.

Community Events/Updates

- The school board is considering redistricting for how the school board members are chosen and could be an area of interest that the commission could pursue. Donna provided an update on CIS (Communities in Schools) stating that the school is in charge of putting together the steering committee for CIS.
- The commission is interested in coordinating a City of Bloomington Bicentennial Project with the Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs, Status of Black Males, and the Commission on the Status of Women. Julie will determine a date and let Nancy know so that a meeting room at city hall can be reserved.
- United Way is creating a family and community engagement committee that Georg'ann will attend and provide feedback to the commission. On Thursday August 17th, Hoosier Action committee will be holding a meeting regarding how to confront white supremacy in Indiana.

Adjournment

- Matt moved and Georg'ann seconded, and unanimously approved to end the meeting.
- Next Meeting – September 19th at 5:30 pm, Hooker Conference Room, Suite 245.