

**CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES - 9/11/24**  
4850 MARK CENTER

**Attendance**

Dan Edwards	Marcia Jackson	Rose Dawson
Trinady Maddock	Terry Glover	Angela Green
Laura Durham	Eva Billips	Kate Garvey
Julie Murphy	Zeinab Yassin	Amanda Ruff
Mike Mackey	Catherine Clinger	Carrie Heath Phillips
Tim Beaty	Nicole Davi	J-Lynn Van Pelt

**Excused Absent**

Councilwoman Alyia Gaskins	Jacinta Greene
Councilwoman Sarah Bagley	Christine Raino
Ursula Rocha	Katie Cissel Greenway
Meredith Forbes	

**Guests**

Sean Curry – Alexandria Health Department  
Allen Lomax – Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria

**Staff**

Barbara Paulson  
Noraine Buttar  
Chelsea Eickert

**Begin 6:05P**

**Welcome**

- Dan introduced himself, Trinady (Chair Elect), and Catherine (Previous Chair)
- New members introduced themselves
- If members would like to serve as a mentor to our new members, please complete the Google form sent to you by Trinady ASAP

**Introduction to CYFCC**

- Dan shared the statute that establishes the CYFCC which outlines the role and purpose of the Commission
  - Statute is divided into four primary goals: *Evaluate, Assess, Plan, and Recommend & Act*
- Looking forward to this year, a focus on:
  - Grounding our work in the data
  - Having more time as a Commission for discussion

- Utilizing Goal Groups more effectively
- Connecting with families and making them aware of all the services and supports that are available to them--particularly newly-arrived families, families with fewer resources, etc.

### **Public Comment**

- There were no public comments.

### **Electronic Participation Policy**

- The City passed a new electronic policy for Commissions
- Commissions can now do up to 50% of meetings virtually
  - Someone who is virtual does not count toward quorum
- Caregivers can do as many meetings as they need
  - Caregiver is defined in Resolution No.3233
- Goal Groups - up to 50% can be virtual, the rest must be in person

### **Community Health Assessment (CHA) - Sean Curry**

- CHA assesses the overall health of our community and informs Alexandria's next Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)
- Previous CHA took place Spring 2018 - Summer 2019
- [Community Health Assessment Kickoff Event](#) - 10/1 at Patrick Henry Rec Center
  - This is part of the data collection/feedback stage of the CHA
  - Open to all, please RSVP if you can
- If you are otherwise interested in participating in the CHA, sign up for the CHA mailing list
- Questions
  - Catherine - How can the CYFCC help your work?
    - Sean can send things to share on social media
    - If we have a mailing list, we can share information to our contacts
  - Rose - Library has very well-attended programs coming up--we could have the surveys available in the library, or do some other incentives to encourage people to complete the surveys

### **Developing the Next Children and Youth Community Plan (CYCP) - Chelsea Eickert**

- In the development of CYCP 2025 (current plan), 2100 community members were engaged, 88% of whom were youth
- CYCP 2025 is still being implemented, but we will begin collecting community feedback to inform the next plan
- See the newly released [CYCP Annual Progress Report 2023](#) for in-depth updates
  - Big highlight--new Junior City Academy had very positive feedback from the young people who participated. All reported being more knowledgeable about community resources, and most saw themselves as a leader in their city as a result of participating
- CYCP timeline is likely going to align with the CHA timeline

- Youth feedback sessions will begin in October in classrooms, other settings
- Some options to get more involved:
  - City staff - please share any relevant data
  - Join the Youth Engagement Team - Workshop leaders to collect youth feedback. October through January
    - Or if you are connected to youth groups, make that connection for the CYCP team so they can conduct workshops there
- Questions
  - Catherine - How can we join the Youth Engagement Team?
    - Reach out to Noraine or Chelsea
  - Dan - Can you talk more about the Community Report Cards?
    - Every month, Chelsea publishes the report cards. These take a closer look at a particular issue, trends, partners carrying out the strategy of the plan, their progress, information that is helpful to the public reading the report card, etc.
    - Report cards can be found online

### **Goal Groups**

- The CYCP outlines three major goals--these align with the CYFCC's Goal Groups
- The work of the Commission moves ahead through the conversations and work done by Goal Groups
- Dan - What is the best way we can support the Goal Groups' works? What is the best way to manage everyone's time in the GGs?
  - Julie (GG3 leader) - Struggled with membership--having enough Commissioners on the GGs, ensuring people can meet outside of the full Commission meetings, deciding what we want to do and doing it. Work tends to fall on one or two people. Help getting additional members would be good. Finding time to meet is also difficult. Making our work and our meetings more impactful.
  - Catherine - Is doing them over Zoom the best way? That way people don't have to physically get to another place. How would that impact our 50% rule? Noraine will check.
  - Laura (GG1 leader) - We were unable to meet over the summer--we need to regroup the group
  - Carrie (GG2 representative) - GG2 was able to meet over the summer. Grade 3 reading could be an area of focus, but this is an area that already gets a lot of attention. Disproportionality of race in suspensions could be another great topic.
  - If you're not on a GG, please reach out to Dan to discuss what GG you'd like to join
  - Catherine - GGs should also consider input from the past few listening sessions.
  - Allen - Aliya Gaskins had a roundtable on Saturday for children and youth. Housing, lack of youth voice, etc were top topics. Allen can share the notes from that meeting.
  - Dan - The desired outcome is that GGs are supported, there are more people, they are engaging, etc. What would people prefer: dedicate Zoom meetings to

GGs, or allocate an hour during the full Commission meetings for GGs to meet? GG leaders and members, please discuss in your groups and report back at the next Executive Meeting.

- Julie - What does success from a GG look like? Raising awareness, coming up with positions, identifying problems? What is the goal for the GGs in terms of process and product?
  - Dan - Parents at the YIP session wanted to know exactly what we could do for them. ie, we worked with City Council to get this thing, we connected xyz many people with this resource, etc.

### **Announcements**

- Supporting Healthy Choices ACPS Meeting - 9/25
- Updates on youth compensation?
  - Julie - Commission successfully lobbied for a small youth stipend for those who serve on commissions. The City Manager is still coming up for a plan as to how to implement.
  - Rose - They may be struggling how to roll it out equitably, since there are other groups who may make an argument as to why they should be compensated as well. If we could come up with a benchmark, info, another community that has done it successfully, then that would be good to have something prepared.
  - Julie - Can consider this and share any info
- J-Lynn - We have yet to have any guest speakers of those who have/work with children with intellectual disabilities. It would be great to invite someone to speak on this topic.
  - Dan and J-Lynn will connect
- Next CYFCC meeting - 10/9/24

**Adjourn 8:04P**