



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Youth Commission

*Consider:*

*Who benefits? Who is burdened?*

*Who does not have a voice at the table?*

*How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Wednesday, October 16, 2019

5:30 PM

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#### A. Call To Order

- Present** 7 - Chair MEGHAN BENSON, KEMA WILLIAMS, Vice Chair FRANCESCA MASCIOPINTO, Supervisor ANALIESE EICHER, KHADDY JARJOU, MARCIA MORALES, and SHRIYA KATA
- Absent** 3 - Supervisor KELLY DANNER, ADAM FEARING, and KARI STAMPFLI

Others present: UW students Allyssa Huglen, Tiffany Huang, Anna Demendoza

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2019](#) 2019\_0918 Youth Commission Minutes  
[MIN-261](#)

**Attachments:** [2019\\_0918 YC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by JARJOU, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 7 - BENSON, WILLIAMS, MASCIOPINTO, EICHER, JARJOU, MORALES and KATA

**Absent:** 3 - DANNER, FEARING and STAMPFLI

#### C. Action Items

#### D. Presentations

#### E. Reports to Committee

## 1. Discussion on Listening Sessions

*Sessions continue to provide perspective and supplement the Commission's work. It's important to diversify the locations and voices of youth—as with the session at Centro. Hearing "real-life" stories highlights the DCYA data in another way—how people are really impacted. It's been important to give youth a platform and a voice that too often is missing. Interesting observation that similar issues have been voiced at different centers. Unanimous opinion that the Commission continue these meetings into 2020 and hold more in outlying communities and with diverse youth cohorts (LGBTQ+, Hmong youth, rural areas).*

*Debriefed the last session held at Centro Hispano, discussing how best to follow-up and advocate on behalf of Latinx youth. Bettin provided the Commission a summary of DC supported services and initiatives, and highlighted several community-based forums. The Commission concluded that the next step is to meet with Centro administrators to better understand their current advocacy efforts to determine how the Commission can support or amplify their work. An invitation will be extended to Centro to have this conversation at the November 20 Commission meeting.*

*Commission reviewed the plan for listening sessions to culminate in an issue paper. Next steps:*

- 1) Continue to hold listening sessions into 2020*
- 2) Pair qualitative input from youth with quantitative data by analyzing after school resource question with risk and protective factors in the 2018 DCYA survey. Benson will take lead in the analysis.*
- 3) Continue to summarize the listening session input to date. Masciopinto will take lead.*
- 4) Prepare comprehensive summary and recommendation to be presented for 2021 budget in July 2020 (Bettin will take lead).*
- 5) Share issue paper with all elected bodies in the county and prepare a press release.*
- 6) Assign Commissioners to re-visit listening session sites to share the recommendations.*

## 2. Dane County Budget Update

*Eicher provided an overview to the County Executive's budget including the allocation of half million dollars to develop mental health services and outdoor education/recreation services at youth and community centers.*

## 3. DCYA Research Planning Summit Update

*Registration for the Summit is robust with 250 adults registered to date and 30 youth. More youth are expected to register in the final two weeks. Presenters are confirmed and logistics are being finalized. There is a need for two additional youth discussant panels for the morning sessions—several suggestions were made. A press release will be forthcoming.*

## F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*Next YC meeting is on November 20, tentatively with Centro administrative staff. Time and location to be determined.*

## G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

**H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

**I. Adjourn**

*7:00 p.m.*

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Connie Bettin pending Commission approval.*