



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Youth Commission - Youth Assessment Steering Subcommittee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Monday, April 5, 2021

9:30 AM

Virtual Zoom Meeting

A. Call To Order

Present 7 - BONNIE AUGUSTA, BRIAN KOENIG, RACHEL GOLDBERG, Chair MEGHAN BENSON, JENNA RAMAKER, ABRA VIGNA, and AMY MILLER

Absent 5 - MARY O'DONNELL, KARI STAMPFLI, JULIA OLSEN, JULIE STANLEY, and KEMA WILLIAMS

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#)
[MIN-549](#)

MINUTES FROM MARCH 8, 2021

Attachments: [2021_0308 YC Youth Assessment Steering Committee Minutes](#)

A motion was made by KOENIG, seconded by MILLER, to approve the minutes.
The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0.

C. Action Items

None.

D. Presentations

None.

E. Reports to Subcommittee

1. Update on data collection and plan for moving forward with MMSD

Data collection is nearly finished. Edgewood will complete on April 15th. MMSD and Verona had very low response rates and will probably need weighting. Completion seems to match larger demographic information (race, gender at birth, etc) of the broader population, so that is good.

We will meet with MMSD to discuss doing survey again in the Fall. However, that would just be data for their use, not for our survey results. We are in discussions with people to help with weighing the data for current use.

2. Some preliminary data

Koenig offered some initial trends being seen in the data: many districts have seen alcohol use go down, but some have seen it go up. 40% of seniors say they are drinking alone. We will probably look at the Kraft addiction scale in relation to this data.

Half of the kids feel like they've fallen behind in school. Anxiety and depression are up. Bullying is down, but electronic bullying has held steady. Frequency of family meals has increased.

3. Post-data collection planning, next steps

- *Response rates/weighting*

The data set will be together by the end of April. Edgewood finishes April 15th and then we can work to do weighting of MMSD and Verona data.

- *Tables by demographic category*

Last survey we put together frequency tables for several demographic categories: race, gender, sexual orientation, etc. It was very time consuming and resulted in very long documents that aren't user friendly. This year we will take a different approach, only include sub categories where we have enough answers for it to make sense, perhaps group different sub-groups together, and really dig in on info when there is something of note for one particular sub group.

We will finish executive summary first and work on the table during the summer.

- *Executive Summary*

End of April we can start filling in the new data to the executive summary. Koenig and Benson will work on a draft to share with the group for the May meeting.

We want to check in to see if we know what administrative priorities are for the school districts. Could be worth highlighting those topics in an executive summary.

We need to consider the uniqueness of this year, especially around what patterns one can expect when anxiety is so elevated, and if we are seeing them (ie possible increase in alcohol use).

Once we have a draft executive summary we will run it by a group of representatives from the school districts to get their thoughts on how the data is presented.

Final executive summary by the end of May.

4. Fall webinar

We will have a general broad webinar focused on major findings, presented to a broad group, whoever in the community is interested. Then we can also have more targeted presentations. If we want teachers and schools staff timing would be best during the contract day but before or after school hours. Probably in early November.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Monday, 3 May 2021, 9:30 a.m. via Zoom

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

DCDHS Director Shawn Tessmann will be prepped on our presentation to the Health and Human Needs Committee on June 4th. We will present to Health and Human Needs on June 10th.

I. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Megan Meinen.