



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Youth Commission

Thursday, February 2, 2017

5:30 PM

City County Building, Room 321

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A. Call To Order

Present 5 - MEGHAN BENSON, BRIDGET MANIACI, BARBARA DAVIS, ARAM DONABEDIAN, and KEMA WILLIAMS

Absent 4 - MATT VELDRAN, NICHELLE NICHOLS, NICK ZWEIFEL, and SABINE WESTERMEYER

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2016 MIN-486](#) 2017_0105 Youth Commission Minutes

Attachments: [2017_0105 YC Minutes](#)

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

Ayes: 5 - BENSON, MANIACI, DAVIS, DONABEDIAN and WILLIAMS

Absent: 4 - VELDRAN, NICHOLS, ZWEIFEL and WESTERMEYER

C. Action Items

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

1. Review 2018 DCYA Timelines adopted by Steering Committee: The DCYA is the Commission's central project to gather youth voice across life domains, related to risk and positive youth behaviors. It's been given every 3–5 years since 1980, currently on a three year cycle. The last administration was 2015. The next administration will be in early 2018.

The DCYA Administration Timeline developed by the DCYA Steering Committee outlines the overall project tasks and due dates. Maniaci suggested adding a section on the back-end platforms for data analysis and community education. Benson noted this was a focus of the Steering committee between the last administration in 2015 and the current planning phase and will continue to be moving forward.

The Survey Development timeline outlines the steps to revising and updating the content and questions of the survey. Steering Committee members will form a work group to revise the survey this year with the charge of minimal change to build longitudinal data. Benson explained the review and item vetting process including issues of length—keeping the HS survey to a 30-minute length to finish.

Commissioners had the following requests and recommendations:

- That items be added to capture: 1) student fears related to immigration status for self and family (perhaps using a screening item with skips if not an issue); general angst about country/world events; 3) bullying items related to cultural changes and hate-related activity; 4) Worries or responsibilities about family finances. Davis noted students who work to support their families.
- Students be able to hover the cursor over a word to get the definition
- A short (1 – 2 minute) video be shown prior to taking with a message about the importance of their input. Maniaci volunteered to speak.
- Create a choice at the beginning to take in Spanish or English

The School Timeline outlines the steps school partners follow to administer the survey in each middle and high school in the district. School liaisons meet three times and work in consultation with K12 Associates to ready themselves for the project. Commissioners recognize Verona as a diverse and growing community and would like to take additional steps to encourage participation in the event the district again declines to participate.

[2016](#)
[RPT-620](#)

Dane County Youth Assessment Timelines

Attachments: [2018 DCYA Administrative Timeline](#)
[2018 DCYA Survey Development timeline](#)
[2018 YOUTH ASSESSMENT School Timeline](#)

2. Review 2018 DCYA Budget: No changes recommended. Commissioners requested the Steering Committee consider a redistribution of school fees to provide relief for the smaller districts and consider increasing the fee for the larger school districts with a growing student and tax base. Unclear if the larger districts require more vendor support and time that drives costs. Discussed the significant in-kind contribution school staff make to realize the project. This recommendation will be taken up with the Steering Committee. Commissioners agreed that a bid waiver be requested to again contract with K12 Associates as project vendor.

3. Vette ideas to promote DCYA and role of the YC generated at last meeting: A summary of ideas generated from the last meeting was distributed, but time did not allow for further discussion. Donabedian shared a lesson plan on Interpreting Public Health Data and Drawing Conclusions using DCYA data. At the next meeting, K12 Associates will facilitate a “train the trainer” presenting talking points about the DCYA and YC that Commissioners can use in community presentations. At the same meeting, Abra Vigna, a post-doc student in the School of Human Ecology will present research on self-compassion using DCYA data.

4. Update on projects identified at previous meetings:

- DCYA presentations to Rotary—application pending. An application to present DCYA to Rotary has been submitted and is under consideration. A date has not been set.
- Youth Pass - No update

5. Report on Commissioner advocacy activities since last meeting: Benson and Koenig will be presenting on Understanding and Improving Adolescent Mental Health Outcomes at the Wisconsin Public Health Association Conference.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: March 4, 2017 at 5:30

Agenda topics:

- “Train the Trainer on DCYA” with K12 Associates at March meeting.
- BYFY grant recommendation presentation and JJ system presentation at April meeting.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

7:10 p.m.

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