



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Youth Commission

Thursday, April 6, 2017

5:30 PM

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A. Call To Order

- Present** 6 - MATT VELDRAN, MEGHAN BENSON, NICK ZWEIFEL, BARBARA DAVIS, KEMA WILLIAMS, and SABINE WESTERMEYER
- Absent** 4 - NICHELLE NICHOLS, BRIDGET MANIACI, ARAM DONABEDIAN, and FRANCESCA MASCIOPINTO

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2016 MIN-611](#) 2017_0302 Youth Commission Minutes

Attachments: [2017_0302 YC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by VELDRAN, seconded by WILLIAMS, that this Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Ayes:** 6 - VELDRAN, BENSON, ZWEIFEL, DAVIS, WILLIAMS and WESTERMEYER
- Absent:** 4 - NICHOLS, MANIACI, DONABEDIAN and MASCIOPINTO

C. Action Items

1. By Youth For Youth grant recommendations (BYFY committee)

[2017
ACT-003](#)2017 By Youth For Youth Recommendations & 2016-17 Funding
Recommendation Overview for DCYC

Attachments: [2017 By Youth For Youth Recommendations](#)
[2016-17 Funding Recommendation Overview for DCYC](#)

BYFY committee representatives Phoenix Borowski, junior at Waunakee high school and Leonie Tollefson, Junior at Verona Area High School recommended awards for the 2017 BYFY grants on behalf of the BYFY committee and provided a summary of the grant-making process. This is the 26th year of BYFY and was supported by the Youth Commission (\$14,000), United Way of Dane County (\$10,500), the City of Madison Office of Community Services (\$5,500) and the City of Madison, Madison Peace Project (designated as "MPP" in the recommendations). Program operating costs totaled \$5,000.

The committee received 29 applications requesting \$68,847. The committee recommended 21 awards for \$37,000. Phoenix and Leonie reviewed the priorities, the application process and the consensus decision-making process used by the committee to reach funding recommendations. BYFY considered DCYA data, the Race to Equity Report, input from community representatives and their own experiences and observations in selecting priorities. In making award decisions, the committee considered whether applicants addressed the priorities, the quality of the application, the number of youth to be served, impact on youth, other funding sources and how effectively dollars would be used. Some programs received less funding than requested because the BYFY committee attempted to meet the dollar amount requested considering the quality and merit of the proposal. Other factors taken into account included whether the project had other funding and whether the program could happen on less funding. Every applicant was contacted with follow-up questions as a part of the vetting process. Applicants that were not funded received feedback as to how they could improve their applications. Phoenix and Leonie provided detailed explanations for BYFY funding decisions. When asked what they learned from the process, both identified that meeting students with differing backgrounds and perspectives was a highlight in addition to going through the decision-making process. The Commission commended BYFY for their thorough, thoughtful and diligent service to the community. The BYFY Award presentation ceremony is on April 24, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the United Way of Dane County, 2059 Atwood Avenue, Madison.

A motion was made by VELDRAN, seconded by ZWEIFEL, that this Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - VELDRAN, BENSON, ZWEIFEL, DAVIS, WILLIAMS and WESTERMEYER

Absent: 4 - NICHOLS, MANIACI, DONABEDIAN and MASCIOPINTO

D. Presentations

1. Juvenile Justice Services—Andre Johnson, JJ Manager Dane County

Andre Johnson, DCDHS Child, Youth & Family Division Juvenile Justice Manager presented a summary of the juvenile justice process, trends, court interfaces and resources including Neighborhood Intervention Programs, Restorative Justice and grant funded programming and Purchased of Service Agencies supporting youth in the juvenile justice system. Over the past five years, the JJ system has focused on diverting first and non-violent offenders from the formal juvenile court system into supported programming that provides accountability and community safety services without full court intervention. The results are promising in that fewer youth are entering the formal system, though longitudinal and recidivism data are just being gathered. There remains a disproportionate number of African American youth in the formal system which is continues to be addressed through Restorative Justice Programming efforts.

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Attachments: [Community Based JJ System_Wis_DCFS](#)

[DCDHS DELINQUENCY SERVICES flow chart](#)

[Dane County Juvenile Justice Services Description](#)

E. Reports to Committee

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next Meeting: May 4, 2016 at 5:00. Brian Koenig, K12 Associates doing a Train-the-trainer on the Youth Assessment

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

7:00 p.m.

Recorded by Connie Bettin at 242-6422 (WI Relay 711)