



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Youth Commission

Thursday, September 7, 2017

5:30 PM

City County Building
210 MLK Jr. Blvd.
Madison, WI 53703
Room 351

CCB - Room 351

A. Call To Order

Present 5 - MATT VELDRAN, MEGHAN BENSON, NICK ZWEIFEL, BRIDGET MANIACI, and ARAM DONABEDIAN

Absent 4 - NICHELLE NICHOLS, BARBARA DAVIS, KEMA WILLIAMS, and FRANCESCA MASCIOPINTO

B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Introductions

C. Consideration of Minutes

[2017](#) 2017_0720 Youth Commission Minutes
[MIN-209](#)

Attachments: [2017_0720 YC Minutes](#)

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

Ayes: 5 - VELDRAN, BENSON, ZWEIFEL, MANIACI and DONABEDIAN

Absent: 4 - NICHOLS, DAVIS, WILLIAMS and MASCIOPINTO

D. Action Items

1. Review and Approve 2018 DCYA High School Survey

The DCYA Steering Committee approved the survey moving it to the full Commission for review and approval. Benson summarized the survey development process including stakeholder input and youth pilots. Benson highlighted additions to the emotional health section given the rise in reported anxiety last survey; additions of national alcohol and drug questions to align with federal grant requirements; elimination of little used questions; and the addition of SES items. The last pending revision is to the introduction page to include input from the teens who piloted the survey to better explain why certain questions are asked and how the data is used. Maniaci requested the number of students taking the survey be included in the introduction to reinforce student anonymity. Commissioners reviewed the document.

A motion was made by MANIACI, seconded by ZWEIFEL, that this be approved with an amendment that the survey introduction will be revised as discussed. Next step will be sharing the survey with the school work group. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - VELDRAN, BENSON, ZWEIFEL, MANIACI and DONABEDIAN

Absent: 4 - NICHOLS, DAVIS, WILLIAMS and MASCIOPINTO

E. Presentations

F. Reports to Committee

1. Final Review DCYA Presentation

The presentation is done and available for Commissioner use in community presentations. Maniaci noted that in working on the presentation, she could not find DCYA research on the DC YC web page which is outdated and difficult to navigate. She inquired if a direct URL could be developed. This will require County tech support approval. To improve the current site, a tab will be created for all published research from the DCYA to be in one easy-to-find location.

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DCYA OVERVIEW

Attachments: [DCYA Overview_Final](#)

2. Discussion on How to Distribute DCYA Lesson Plan

Commissioners envisioned an on-line file of curriculum or lesson plans to make available to school partners using DCYA data. The template developed by Donabedian focused on health, but additional templates could be developed with a focus on math, science, social norming, etc. The DCYA school work group may be interested in developing additional resources or the districts may already be using DCYA data in curriculum to add to the file. Once such a resource is developed, it would be shared with principals, health teachers, etc. through the Badger Conference and other venues as needed. The health lesson plan will be shared with the school work group at the 9/21/17 meeting to start the discussion.

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INTERPRETING PUBLIC HEALTH AND DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

Attachments: [Interpreting Public Health Data and Drawing Conclusions](#)

3. Draft DCYA 2015 Issue Paper on Emotional Health and Anxiety

Commissioners reviewed an issue paper prepared by K12 Associates. The paper summarizes an analysis on the factors impacting youth anxiety using 2015 DCYA data and research from Boston University on the 2015 data. The Commission requested the paper add an explanation on how to interpret the correlation coefficients and that there be some additional narrative explaining the implications of the correlations. Benson will make these additions and Maniaci will revise the format, creating a template for future papers.

4. December Presentation by Melissa Holt, Asst. Professor Boston University

DCYA project vendor K12 Associates/Brian Koenig has been working closely with Boston University analyzing the emotional health/anxiety data. Melissa Holt will be in WI doing student focus groups during the school day from Dec. 13 -15 and is open to doing a community presentation late afternoon on the 13th or 14th. Koenig suggested it be sponsored by the school superintendents. The County Executive may be interested. The Commission is interested in co-sponsoring. Planning will take place through the DCYA Steering Committee.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting is scheduled for October 5 at 5:30 at the CCB

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

7:00 p.m.

Recorded by Connie Bettin