



# 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, May 15, 2019

5:45 PM

City-County Building, Room 354

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#### A. Call To Order

**Present** 5 - Chair MEGHAN BENSON, Vice Chair FRANCESCA MASCIOPINTO, KHADDY JARJOU, MARCIA MORALES, and ADAM FEARING

**Absent** 3 - KEMA WILLIAMS, KELLY DANNER, and ANALIESE EICHER

Others present: Ariel Pena, MSW, and Shawn Tessman, DCDHS Director

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2019](#) 2019\_0417 Youth Commission Minutes  
[MIN-007](#)

**Attachments:** [2019\\_0417 YC Minutes](#)

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

**Ayes:** 5 - BENSON, MASCIOPINTO, JARJOU, MORALES and FEARING

**Absent:** 3 - WILLIAMS, DANNER and EICHER

#### C. Action Items

#### D. Presentations

##### 1. Shawn Tessmann, DCDHS Director

*Shawn Tessman, DCDHS Director introduced herself, shared background information and discussed her vision for the Department. She reviewed the recent DCYA data report, commending the Commission on its work. Jarjou inquired what stood out for her. Tessman responded that the jump in anxiety was of concern. A brief Q & A ensued.*

#### E. Reports to Committee

## 1. Debrief listening sessions process

*Several suggestions made to improve the overall process including providing more clarity at the beginning of the session on the purpose and intention, acknowledging power dynamics and differences, making overt the Commission's interest in hearing and expecting there to be differences of opinion and ensuring individual confidentiality. Commissioners agreed to exercise flexibility during the session to move away from the scripted questions to avoid repetition if the question has already been answered. Add "Do you have any questions for us?" at the end.*

*Commissioners valued the process and appreciated the willingness of youth to share. Key takeaways include how youth centers impact the lives of youth in a positive way through academic support, mentoring, providing relationships with caring and consistent adults that are not parents or school personnel; by filling a need for problem-solving, skill building and support that cannot be met in the current school structure. Fearing requested additional information on the transportation issue raised during the Goodman CC visit. Bettin will follow-up.*

*Initial conclusions: Youth Centers play an important support and skill-building role in the lives of youth that is not met at school and may not be met in their home environment. Recommend that these services continue to be supported by DCDHS.*

*Next steps:*

- 1) Continue to hold listening sessions through the rest of 2019.*
- 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 this effort.*
- 3) Prepare summary of qualitative input to date. Masciopinto will draft.*
- 4) Prepare comprehensive summary and recommendation to be presented for 2021 budget.*
- 5) Advise HHN of efforts and preliminary recommendations at July 2019 meeting for 2020 budget.*

## 2. June meeting location and time options.

*An outlying youth center will be asked to host the next Youth Commission meeting. Several suggestions were made.*

## 3. Consider recommendations from listening sessions

### **F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

*Next YC meeting is on June 19, time to be determined depending on site visit and student availability.*

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

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

### **I. Adjourn**

*7:00 p.m.*

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*Connie Bettin 242-6422 (WI Relay 711)*