



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, March 8, 2021

9:30 AM

Virtual Zoom Meeting

A. Call To Order

Staff present: Megan Meinen

Chair Benson called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Present 9 - BONNIE AUGUSTA, BRIAN KOENIG, MARY O'DONNELL, RACHEL GOLDBERG, KRISTEN BREY, Chair MEGHAN BENSON, JENNA RAMAKER, AMY MILLER, and JULIE STANLEY

Absent 3 - KARI STAMPFLI, JULIA OLSEN, and ABRA VIGNA

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#)
[MIN-490](#)

MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2, 2020

Attachments: [2020 1102 YC Youth Assessment Steering Subcommittee Minutes](#)

A motion was made by AUGUSTA, seconded by O'DONNELL, to approve the minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - AUGUSTA, KOENIG, O'DONNELL, GOLDBERG, BREY, BENSON, RAMAKER, MILLER and STANLEY

Absent: 3 - STAMPFLI, OLSEN and VIGNA

C. Action Items

None.

D. Presentations

None.

E. Reports to Subcommittee

1. Update on Data Collection (Koenig)

Only five high schools left to finish. Outside of Madison Metropolitan School District, almost all schools are done, so far about 10% lower participation rate. MMSD is not done and is currently well below its normal response rate. Discussed how to best be in contact with MMSD to try and promote administration and completion on the assessment.

In the meantime, we will begin consulting with survey research experts on different techniques to being able to make data comparable to previous years, even if sample size is smaller, such as weighting.

2. Updates on Input and Comments from Parents and Community Members (Benson, Bettin, Koenig)

We have been getting a lot of comments/questions on the assessment this year; more than usual. The Dane County Youth Assessment (DCYA) was the subject of a Pro Life WI blog. We also received important feedback on a need to re-visit how we ask about race on the assessment, specifically if we want to continue to separate Hmong from the larger Asian category in the responses to this question.

Discussed possibly doing more community and parent outreach previous to administration of the survey in coming years.

3. Initial Emerging Data Trends (Koenig)

Anxiety, depression, suicide ideation is all up. Anything you would do outside your house (such as sexual activity, drinking) is down. Biggest negative impact reported from COVID is "I fell behind in school" We want to be able to present the executive summary of the assessment report to Health and Human Needs in June, will depend on how quickly data wraps up.

4. Post Data Collection Planning: Reports, Dissemination, Etc. (Benson, Koenig)

Data collection will hopefully be done by the end of March. We will have to begin having discussions around possibly weighing data, will begin to engage outside experts on that.

Once data collection is complete, we will turn our focus to what we want in the executive summary. We want to be able to present to Health and Human Need on June 10th.

After executive summary is complete we want to think about other ways to disseminate the data such as a data dashboard and/or forming a concrete dissemination plan.

5. Webinar Presentation of Results, Fall 2021 (Benson)

We will work on developing a webinar that will provide an overview of the executive summary and key results. This will be a way to share data with a broad audience.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The subcommittee will resume meeting on the first Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, April 5th, at 9:30 a.m.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

I. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Megan Meinen