



CITY OF WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
Division of Public Health

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City Manager's Advisory Committee on Youth
Monday, November 3, 2014
6:30PM-8:30PM
City Hall, Levi Lincoln Room

Minutes

Members present:

Judi Kirk, Chair
Brianna Turner, Member
Virginia Parent, Member
Kanchana Fernando, Member
Laurie Ross, Member
Laura Farnsworth, Member
Samuel Martin, Member
Juan Lopez, Member
Sue Hunt, Member
Casey Burns, Member
Rev. Clyde Talley, Member

Members absent:

Caleb S. Encarnacion-Rivera, Member
Brayan A. Chavez, Member
Tim Garvin, Member
Kathy Chau, Member

City staff present:

Raquel Castro-Corazzini, Staff advisor, Youth Opportunities Office, Public Health
Dr. Michael Hirsh, Public Health
Derek Brindisi, Public Health
Karyn Clark, Public Health
Pam Callahan, Human Resources
Zach Dyer, Public Health

Meeting called to order 6:35 PM

Judi Kirk, chair, called to order.

City Manager Ed Augustus thanks commission for willingness to serve. Stresses providing opportunities for youth. What we invest in youth we invest in ourselves and in our community. We need to close gaps for students in the city. Keep youth focused in out of school time, promote programs such as Wheels to Water. We should promote safe places for youth, mentors, reclaim public spaces. City Manager thanks Judi for being chair. Expecting great things from a great group.

Derek Brindisi discusses the structure that's being created. YOO was in ED, now in PH. YOO used to be isolated. PH has been focused on youth. PH allows for interconnectedness between community, etc. Similar to Community Health Assessment process, collecting quantitative and qualitative data.

Judi happy to be here in this role, glad everyone has said yes. Looking forward to working with everyone.

Raquel thanks everyone for coming and starting a long-term conversation about the city's youth, working together and working smart, not reinventing the wheel, rethinking it. Want to turn idea of youth engagement upside-down. Thankful we were able to get people we wanted to get. There was no disagreement, this team is dynamic. PH is community-first focused, lucky for YOO to be in that office.

Members introduce themselves using photos provided.

Pam Callahan of Human Resources goes through training on roles of chair & vice chair, staff liaison, conflict of interest law, open meeting law, and Robert's Rules.

Nominations for vice chairperson will be on the following agenda.

Discussed the charge of the Advisory Committee on Youth, reviewed the revised ordinance for the Advisory Committee on Youth (YAC). Judi asks that anyone who was on the youth commission previously share their experiences. Laurie Ross explained that the previous commission was not as formal. There was a needs assessment, creating the agenda on youth, then the narrowing of focus onto employment.

Discussion of when and where to hold meetings. Motion to meet December 1st from 5:30-7:30.

Discussed nominations for vice-chair. Caleb and Virginia named as potential. Discussion for the next agenda.

**Public Health will look into the previous "Agenda for Youth."

**Next agenda will look at the 6 charges listed under the resolution.

Motion to adjourn 8:35.

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