

**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING NOTES – JANUARY 10, 2024**  
**CHARLES HOUSTON RECREATION CENTER**

**ATTENDANCE**

|                                     |                          |                    |                 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Councilwoman Alyia Gaskins          | Christna Sherlock        | Julie Murphy       | Mike Mackey     |
| Councilwoman Sarah Bagley (Virtual) |                          | Katie Greenway     | Nicole Davi     |
| Abel-rahman Einoubi                 | Christine Raino          | Laura Durham       | Rose Dawson     |
| Amanda Ruff                         | Dan Edwards              | Dr. Marcia Jackson | Trinady Maddock |
| Angi Green (Virtual)                | Ingrid Bynum (Virtual)   | Marwa Naqshbandi   | Ursula Rocha    |
| Catherine Clinger                   | Jacinta Greene (Virtual) | Meredith Forbes    | Zahra Rahimi    |

**Excused Absent**

J-Lynn Van Pelt  
Kate Garvey

**Staff:**

Noraine Buttar  
Barbara Paulson  
Chelsea Eickert (Virtual)

**Speakers:**

Allen Lomax, Chair, Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria  
Natalie Talis, Population Health Manager, Alexandria Health Department

**WELCOME**

Catherine welcomed all members to the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

**DISCUSSION ON RECRUITMENT**

Members discussed how to recruit diverse members who are representative of the City's population. It was noted that the letter proposing stipends for youth on Boards and Commissions was submitted to City Council. Julie Murphy, Mike Mackey and Christine Raino volunteered to work on membership as part of an ad hoc committee. There was a discussion about moving the meetings to Alexandria City High School to make them more accessible to youth and possibly changing the meeting time. It was decided that the February meeting will take place at Alexandria City High School. Ursula Rocha will reserve a room and notify Noraine. There was also a discussion about the application process and whether it could be modified to make the applications easier to complete.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP), PARTNERSHIP FOR A HEALTHIER ALEXANDRIA**

Allen Lomax and Natalie Talis presented about the CHIP and the progress that has been made for the strategies.

**DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON GROUP REQUESTS**

Members asked how CYFCC could support the CHIP. There are strategies in the CHIP that center around advocacy that are already assigned to the Commission.

**DISCUSS FUTURE ADVOCACY EFFORTS**

In April, in lieu of a meeting, the Commission will support youth voice by supporting Theogeny student staff in sponsoring a forum for Mayoral and Council candidates at Alexandria City High School. The Commission will also sponsor the Champions for Children Awards this year. The Ceremony will take the place of the June meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.