

## **Youth Budget Commission Meeting**

02/19/2021

Minutes

**Commissioners in attendance:** Commissioner Cates, Commissioner Crabb, Commissioner Huelsmann, Commissioner Kazmi, Commissioner Krauss, Commissioner Lightford (Claire Jones-Anderson as proxy) Commissioner Maley, Commissioner Montorio-Archer, Co-Chair Shaver, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Vega, Commissioner Villa (Kate Peterson as proxy)

**Children's Home & Aid staff and others in attendance:** Leslie Cortez, Reshma Desai, Kiara Jackson, Eric Mayo, Curt Clemons Mosby, Tony Raden, Lily Rocha, Ali Schoon, Erinne Smith, Kelly Sparks

### **1. Approval of the Minutes (Co-Chair Shaver)**

Co-Chair Shaver welcomed Commissioners and guests to the first Youth Budget Commission meeting of 2021. He stated it is hard to process everything that has happened since the last time they were together in 2020. Co-Chair Shaver reiterated that we are still in the middle of a pandemic but that we will hopefully be moving in the right direction with continued vaccine distributions. He also commented on the attack at our nation's capital and the swearing in of a new President and Vice President. He stated that the Commission has a packed agenda for the meeting and thanked the Governor's office, the Lieutenant Governor's office, Commissioners, and staff for all of their hard work. He then welcomed Curt Clemons-Mosby to do a roll call.

Clemons Mosby did a roll call for the Commissioners present. The following Commissioners were present and able to hear during the meeting: Commissioners Huelsmann, Thompson, Montorio-Archer, Vega, Cates, Cobb, Krauss, Kazmi, and Maley. Commissioners Lightford (Claire Jones-Anderson) and Villa (Kate Peterson) had proxies present. A quorum was present.

Clemons Mosby reiterated that each vote is required to be done via roll call unless the member vote at the beginning of each meeting to suspend this requirement and hold votes via a voice call. This requirement was unanimously approved via a roll call. All votes for the rest of the meeting were done via voice call instead of roll call.

Co-Chair Shaver asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Commissioner Montorio-Archer motioned and Commissioner Huelsmann seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### **2. Illinois HEALS Presentation (Reshma Desai, Strategic Policy Advisor & Project Director Illinois HEALS)**

Co-Chair Shaver introduced Reshma Desai to do a presentation about Illinois HEALS— a project that is focused on youth and young adults who are experiencing trauma and victimization and their access to coordinated resources and care. Desai thanked the Commission for having her talk about this important project and introduced Leslie Cortez and Erinne Smith as her colleagues. She reviewed the traditional system response for families when seeking help and stated that the main purpose of the project was to coordinate systems so that families aren't carrying the burden of seeking help from multiple sources.

Desai reviewed the other states participating in the grant and the way Illinois approached the process. She stated they looked at services from a relational perspective and to focus on the experience of the process and reviewed some of the results of their research. Commissioner Cates asked about a piece of their research that showed "justice-involved helped facilitate connection to services and resources" as

beneficial to youth and wondered if the data was disseminated by race, geography, and type of justice involvement would it change the data/research that currently supports the justice-involved services. Desai stated that she will share more information and data on that piece of the research with the Commission. Desai reviewed their action plan for a coordinated system of care approach at the community level and stated that they are implementing this at their demonstration site to hopefully take to the state level. She also stated that they are doing this work through smaller projects focused on cross-system initiatives in Illinois in addition to a trauma responsive schools project. Commissioner Thompson thanked Desai for their important work and for presenting on these projects.

Co-Chair Shaver asked if they had a robust response in their call for proposals for these projects. Desai responded that they received more proposals than they could fund but they are working on providing technical assistance to make these types of grants more accessible to the communities that need it most. Co-Chair Shaver commented that it is important to be imbedded in the community and be flexible in their approach.

### **3. Approval of the 2021 Calendar (Eric Mayo)**

Co-chair Shaver asked if the Commission could jump to another agenda item so that there was enough time to ensure everyone was present for voting. Therefore, the approval of the 2021 calendar was moved ahead of the review of the Commission's Yearly Plan. Due to the General Assembly's legislative session calendar, Eric Mayo introduced a review of the tentative meeting dates for 2021 with a combination of some Monday and Friday meetings. He also recognized that there are some meetings that are an hour and a half to allow for a deeper dive into content.

Co-Chair Shaver asked if everyone thought this calendar reflected what the Commission was envisioning for the work moving forward and if there were any concerns. Commissioner Krauss stated that this calendar makes sense. Co-Chair Shaver asked for a motion to approve the calendar. Commissioner Kazmi motioned and Commissioner Krauss seconded. The calendar was approved unanimously.

Mayo stated that he will send out calendar invites for all the meetings in 2021 so that Commissioners will have it on their calendars for the rest of the year. Co-Chair Shaver thanked everyone for their flexibility and cooperation in making these calendar changes.

### **4. Youth Budget Commission Yearly Plan (Kiara Jackson and Kelly Sparks)**

Co-Chair Shaver moved onto the next agenda item and stated that staff has met with Kelly Sparks and laid out what the year will look like moving forward. He stated that Commissioners are welcome to provide feedback or ask questions as this yearly plan is being presented. Co-Chair Shaver stated that the calendar is centered on the goal of presenting policy recommendations to the Governor's Office in October of 2021; each meeting is a building block to reach that goal. He turned it over to Kiara Jackson to present the plan and lead the conversation.

Jackson thanked Co-Chair Shaver for the set-up and reviewed the plan of doing deep dive education sessions into the developmental goals during two meetings through March and April. She stated that they will also have a Budgeting for Results program report during the March meeting. In May there will be subject matter experts invited to the Commission meeting to give presentations in addition to strategizing how to do a community engagement plan to engage local communities with the Fiscal Scan and a legislative update. Jackson stated that in June the Fiscal Scan will be released and a workgroup plan will be made to ensure recommendations are ready by October. Lastly, she mentioned during the months of November and December developing outreach and advocacy strategies.

Commissioner Krauss recommended making the May meeting a 90-minute meeting to allow for the full agenda. Co-Chair Shaver agreed and asked for a motion to change the calendar to reflect that update. Commissioner Montorio-Archer moved, and Commissioner Krauss seconded the motion. The calendar change was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Montorio-Archer asked how many people per working group there would be. Jackson stated that staff is open to suggestions on how many and who to have in each working group depending on how the deep dive education sessions play out. Commissioner Montorio-Archer mentioned that it would be helpful to have a reminder for the training requirements that go along with being an appointed Commissioner. Co-Chair Shaver thanked him for that recommendation and stated that staff can keep it on their calendars to remind people to take the trainings with more notice. Clemons-Mosby thanked everyone for their patience as Commissioners went through the ethics process. He apologized that there was an issue in getting those training notices out to Commissioners with enough time to complete the trainings and stated that it will not be an issue moving forward.

Co-Chair Shaver introduced Kelly Sparks, Consultant, to speak about the Fiscal Scan. Sparks stated that most of the questions she gets from Commissioners about the Fiscal Scan have to do with the underlying data. She stated that the plan moving forward is to do those deep dive education sessions into the developmental goals so that Commissioners can see how they are comprised and what agencies contribute to each goal. The two education sessions are set up so that they are grouped by what goals have the most overlap in departments. Sparks stated that this will help them understand how department budgets feed into and across developmental goals. She stated that having this fundamental understanding of the base data will help Commissioners make the connections to policy recommendations once the 2020 Fiscal Scan is released. Sparks stated that she is always available to answer questions as they come up throughout the year via email.

Co-Chair Shaver also mentioned that staff can plug the agenda into each calendar invite so that Commissioners can send questions ahead of the meeting. Commissioner Krauss stated that he appreciates that the plan moving forward is action-oriented and that it might be helpful to make goals for community engagement. Co-Chair Shaver agreed.

#### **5. Public Comment (Co-Chair Shaver)**

Co-Chair Shaver opened the floor to public comment; there were no public comments.

#### **6. Adjournment**

Hearing no public comment, Co-Chair Shaver asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Montorio-Archer moved, and Commissioner Thompson seconded. The meeting was adjourned.