



Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Action Summary - Final Community Affairs, Housing, Health and Education Committee

Chair Barbara Shanklin (D-2)
Vice Chair Kevin Triplett (D-15)
Committee Member Jessica Green (D-1)
Committee Member Donna Purvis (D-5)
Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)
Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20)
Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

1:30 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

Call to Order

Vice Chair Triplett called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Roll Call

Vice Chair Triplett introduced the committee members present. A quorum was established.

***NOTE: All committee members attended virtually.**

- Present:** 5 - Committee Member Jessica Green (D-1), Chair Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Committee Member Donna L. Purvis (D-5), Vice Chair Kevin Triplett (D-15), and Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)
- Excused:** 2 - Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18), and Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20)

Clerk(s)

Mary Whitlock, Assistant Clerk
Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 21-0670](#)

Dr. Billie Castle, Youth Development Administrator - Update on the Youth Funding Allocation.

Attachments: [6.2.21 Our Vision for Louisville Youth.pdf](#)

The following spoke to the item:

- Dr. Billie Castle, Office of Youth Development, gave a presentation
- Vice Chair Triplett
- Committee Member Green
- Vincent James, Community Building

The following was discussed:

- Discussion regarding Vision, Mission and Values
- The Office of Youth Development had 40 staff members they were on Neighborhood Boards
- The Office of Youth Development now has 30 staff members
- The Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD), handles the Trauma Inform Reports when youth or involved in domestic disputes or other involvements
- Defining Youth Development
- Defining Social Justice Youth Development
- 143,000 youth in Metro Louisville
- Discussion regarding Transactional Approach - Discrimination, Limited Transportation, Employment & Income, Education, Limited Access to Food, Discipline, and Housing
- Coalition support, Goodwill Industries - Peer support, Louisville Urban League - Navigation plans connecting youth to local services and resources
- Contact for Intake referral - <http://louisvilleyouthnetwork.org/>
- Discussion regarding the Network Expansion Goals
- Youth Development Services Data Center priorities
- Partnership with BLOCS Network and University of Louisville School of Public Health and Information Sciences
- Discussion regarding Coalition working with young adults
- Information regarding the Empowerment Navigators- connecting youth to local services and resources
- Discussion regarding Social Justice Youth Development Certificate Program
- Concern regarding 8,000 youth not in school
- Discussion regarding peer support and is there anything in the program where youth can be empowered to assist and help other youth
- Discussion regarding a Youth Board and expansion hopefully this will take place
- \$1 Million Budget - \$150,000 was contracted out to the three partners and \$50,000 paid to a staff member
- The Peer support is through the contract and three persons were hired by Goodwill
- The Goodwill and Urban League are involved with mental health services
- Discussion regarding volunteers being involved to help with the young people
- The LouieConnect Kiosk will be up in the Community Centers

- Question regarding Metro Council being involved and getting the word out regarding the Office of Youth Development and what they have to offer in their newsletters to their constituents
- The Office of Youth Development has been trying to reach the youth with printed flyers
- COVID-19 has put the youth behind in schooling
- Discussion of how the \$144,000 allocated and \$1 Million Metro Council allocated helped the Office of Youth Development to hire Dr. Castle, salary \$50,000, and with only three staff helpers they have done a great job building the system

Adjournment

Without objection, Vice Chair Triplett adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.