



Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Committee/Task Force:	Equity, Inclusion, and Cultural Competence		
Date of Meeting: (MM/DD/YYYY)	02/12/2019	Time:	1:00pm- 2:00pm
Minutes Prepared By:	Brittany Simmons	Location:	251 N. Illinois St. Suite 700, Indianapolis, IN 46204
1. Meeting Objective(s)			
2. Standing Members			
Name	Organization	In Attendance (X indicates present)	
Kenneth Allen	Indiana Youth Services Association	X	
Rhonda Bayless	Centers of Wellness for Urban Women	X	
Yalonda Brown	Indiana Youth Institute	X	
Kristan Sievers-Coffer	Indiana Department of Education	X	
Brenda Graves-Croom	FSSA: Division of Mental Health and Addiction	X	
Valerie Davidson	Meridian Diversity Consulting, LLC	X	
Gregg Ellis	Child Advocates	X	
Elonda Ervin	Indiana State University	X	
Carol Franklin	Phoenix Family and Community Services		
Stephen Gill	United Way- System of Care		
Bruce Henry	Indiana Department of Correction		
Deepali Jani	Indiana Department of Education		
Timike Jones	Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence	X	
Rebecca Kubacki	Indiana Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs		
Whitney McKim	Ireland Home Based Services	X	
Misty Parks	Anthem		
Chris Paulsen	Indiana Youth Group	X	
Shirley Payne	Indiana State Department of Health	X	
Lun Pieper	Indiana Office of Court Services	X	
Adam Pitt	Indiana Department of Education	X	
Calvin Roberson	Indiana Minority Health Coalition	X	
Pamela Ross	Central Indiana Community Foundation		
Mark Russell	Indianapolis Urban League	X	
Jane Seigel	Indiana Office of Court Services/Co-Chair	X	
Dolly Serrant	Indiana Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs	X	
Dennine Smith	Indiana State Department of Health	X	
Jessica Strong	Hamilton Center	X	
Tashi Teuschler	Indiana Office of Court Services		
Latrece Thompson	Indiana Department of Child Services	X	
Adrian Warren	Radio One Indianapolis	X	
Julie Whitman	Commission on Improving the Status of Children	X	
MeLissa Williams	Indiana Native American/Indian Affairs	X	

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3. Staff/Guests			
Name		Organization	
N/A			
4. Updates/Old Business			
Topic	Main Points		Recommendations/Decisions
N/A			
5. New Business/Presentations			
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History of the Children’s Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Created in 2013 through legislation; includes 3 branches of government; members are named by position; purpose is to study issues related to vulnerable youth;4 priority areas include educational outcomes, mental health and substance abuse, juvenile justice and cross system youth, and child safety and services.		
Charge from Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ensure cultural competence, equity, and inclusion are demonstrated by members of the Commission; workgroup is tasked with recommending processes and resources to Commission members giving them the tools they need when discussing vulnerable youth and issues they faceCommon language; defining Equity, Inclusion, and Cultural CompetenceMay Commission meeting will include a brief 20 minute presentation on the History of Race by Burns Institute; will also include an hour following the Commission meeting; Held at Indiana State Library, Author’s Room; lunch provided		Group is recommending the Commission set aside time at each meeting to discuss Equity, Inclusion, and Cultural Competence over this calendar year
Ground Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Began to discuss ground rules for the workgroup in order to create a safe environment.Group will revisit this at the March meeting		

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6. Action Items (Include recommendations/queries for Executive Committee)					
Action		Responsibility		Due Date	
Recommendation to Commission: set aside time to discuss equity, inclusion, and cultural competence at each meeting		Co-Chairs			
Members to visit the Commission website		Members			
Send existing curriculum on these issues		Members			
Send existing groups focusing on these issues		Members			
7. Adjournment					
Action				Time	
				2:15pm	
8. Next Meeting					
Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)	03/12/2019	Time:	1:00pm- 2:30pm	Location:	<i>Indianapolis Urban League</i> 777 Indiana Ave, Indianapolis IN 46202
Topics/Objective(s):	Developing Ground Rules, Charge of Workgroup				