

City of Bloomington

Commission on the Status of Children & Youth

Hooker Conference Room #245, at City Hall at Showers Plaza, 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana on the Third Tuesday of every month at 5:30

p.m.
In-person and Zoom Meeting, [Bloomington.in.gov/cscy](https://bloomington.in.gov/cscy)

Minutes

Feb 18, 2025

Attendance Key: ☒ Present ☐ Absent ☒ On Zoom

X	Maryjane McNabb Mayor-	✓	Katie Hopkins Mayor -2026	NA	Commissioner (Vacant) Council -
X	Tatiana Peters Council - 2025	✓	Erin Reynolds Council - 2025	✓	Eugene (Fred) Schick Council - 2025
✓	Leah Gilbertson Mayor - 2024	✓	Callie Rakas Mayor - 2027	Z	Shelby VanDerMoore Mayor -2024
✓	Staff Liaison	Andrew Shannon, Safe & Civil City Director			

Quorum: Yes

1. Call to order: Feb 18, 2025

- Motion to approve: Leah made a motion to begin the meeting at 5:35pm.
- Second: Callie
- Motion: Passed

2. Introductions None

3. Request for additional agenda items No

4. Approval of Minutes: Jan 21, 2025

- Motion to approve: Katie
- Second: Leah
- Motion: Passed

5. New Business

- Public Comments/Guest Presentations: none

6. Old Business

- Next Gen Advocacy** : Erin shared that Sophia says the ball is officially rolling on Next Gen Advocacy, but is not clearly answering whether or not they have a staff liaison. Erin proposes communicating to Sophia that we need to hear from a faculty advisor willing to be the liaison and confirm a student will continue in her role next year after graduating in order to move forward with Next Gen. Katie found that Next Gen appears to be working with Residents Academy and proposes we reach out to the student attending those meetings about possibly working

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with us. Callie suggests inviting Sophia to the March CSCY meeting to discuss these issues.

- b. H.O.P.E Packs:** Erin, Fred, and Shelby met last week about creating and distributing the H.O.P.E. packs. Packs will include resources and comfort items and be distributed to first responders and agencies who can give them to children they serve. We could make approximately 400 packs based on Erin's pricing research. Packs will go to New Hope for Families, Stride/mobile crisis, mobile integrated health, and the police department. Erin suggests we start with 100 packs to learn the process of putting them together and get feedback from agencies, and then go forward with the rest. Bookmarks will need to be approved by the City; Katie suggested talking to Aubrey Seader about helping with this. If we have the bookmarks ready by the Children's Expo on April 26th, we could potentially give them out or possibly even help sponsor the event.
- c. 2025 Initiatives:** The 25-26 initiatives calendar has been updated with current information. Erin has updated each initiative with a commission leader and proposed start dates. There is also a guest speaker community contact list in the drive now for commissioner use. Subcommittees will be in charge of their meeting schedule and do not need to post minutes. Fred shared that the 2025 IYI State of the Child report is out and we may want to reconsider priorities based on their findings.
<https://iyi.org/resources/indiana-kids-count-data-book/>
Committee members also considered how we could help to consolidate lists of resources and events and make them easily accessible to families now that the Herald Times does not publish them. Unclear at this time if we are able to revamp our social media presence to help with this. Callie and Katie both expressed willingness to help with this.

7. Committee Reports

- a. Chairperson's Report** (Erin): Future committee reports will begin with Erin asking chairs for updates on their committee's work. Erin is planning to meet with Laura Blaker from the Boys and Girls Club about Lemonade Day possible partnerships.

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- b. **Youth Advocate** (Erin, Leah): None
 - c. **Community Relations** (Katie, Fred): Katie recommends commissioners look up the Building a Thriving, Compassionate Community network.
 - d. **Signature Events** (Erin): None
 - e. **Data/Reporting/Communications** (Tatiana, Leah): None

8. City Staff Liaison Report

- a. **City Updates:** Andrew shared some of the events the City has been doing for Black History Month; this coming Saturday, 2/22, there will be a youth poster board contest at City Hall from 12-2. The Black History Month gala is Saturday, March 1st, and tickets are on sale at the Buskirk's box office. We need a draft of CSCY's annual report by our next meeting on March 18th, just in case we are put on the schedule for the city council's March 27th meeting. Commissioners should send Erin their headshots as soon as possible, as well as any photos from CSCY events or stock photos that may work. Erin will be sending out a request to commissioners for availability to work on the draft of the annual report.

9. Adjournment

- a. Motion to approve: Fred made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05.
- b. Second: Leah
- c. Motion: Passed