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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## **Youth and Urban Violence Commission**

*October 19, 2016*

Cabinet Attendees: Nancy Wyman, Andrew Woods, Ryan Matthews, Commissioner Katz, Waterbury PD, Scott Jackson, Glenn Cassis, Jill Spinetti, Bob Francis, Kim Buchanan, Alice Forrester, Adrienne Cochrane, Carleton Giles, David McGuire, Karen Jarmoc, Andrew Papachristos

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.	<b>Call to order</b>	None.	
2.	<b>Public Comment</b>	Nicholas Payne makes public comment regarding gun violence.	Written submission can be found <a href="#">here</a> .
3.	<b>Review &amp; Approval of 6/23/15 minutes</b>	None.	Ryan Matthews made a motion to accept the minutes, Andrew Woods seconded. Minutes approved by unanimous voice vote.
4.	<b>Presentation: Recommendations from Early Childhood (0-6) Subcommittee</b>	Richard Sussman and Scott Jackson presented the Early Childhood Subcommittee's six recommendations.  David McGuire asks the presenters to expand on universal risk assessment tool.	The presentation can be found <a href="#">here</a> .

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		<p>Richard Sussman responds that it is a tool that can be used across systems so that assessments can be made at every level and for every child.</p> <p>Lt. Governor Wyman asked what a municipal blueprints are. Richard Sussman responds that it is an examination of what exists and what can be strengthened to move particular agendas. It is a basic community plan for a particular issue.</p> <p>Lt Governor Wyman asks whether most towns have this. Richard Sussman responds that most have tried to develop these kinds of guiding documents.</p> <p>Commissioner Katz responds that she agrees with the recommendations as the agency that funds them. DCF struggles with the issue of bilingual providers, and is a huge challenge for the agency. She asks whether there were any particular thoughts in that regard not on the chart provided.</p> <p>Scott Jackson responds that the public schools in Hamden speak 52 languages, which is not unusual. It is really multilingual. Translational services are available to enhance the level of service provided. It is important for support services to know that these services are available.</p>	
5.	<b>Presentation: Recommendations from School Aged (7-18) Subcommittee</b>	<p>Andrew Woods and Ryan Matthews presented the School Aged Subcommittee's recommendations.</p> <p>Scott Jackson asks whether there are models based on Professor Papachristos's work and whether we can network</p>	The presentation can be found <a href="#">here</a> .

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		<p>neighborhood level service providers and connect them in a way to more effectively provide services and support.</p> <p>Andrew Woods responds that yes, there are things like that happening especially here in Hartford. He also calls for support of organizations like his that do this work. Bob Francis also responds that his organization is proactive by building relationships in the community.</p> <p>Ryan Matthews responds that violence needs to be declared a public health issue and that preventative measures can be more valuable than purely intervention services.</p> <p>Commissioner Katz asks whether raising the age would be adopted across the board or would it be differentiated for offenses.</p> <p>Ryan Matthews defers to Kim Buchanan on this issue, but responds that it is his belief that the prohibition is across the board. Kim Buchanan responds that CT is unusually punitive and has the lowest age limit of criminal responsibility. Most other English speaking countries that have better outcomes on child development and public safety do not allow for criminal responsibility under the age of 12. Connecticut's is 7. If our rationale for raising the age to 21 is related to brain development, it also follows that we should raise the age of criminal responsibility to 13.</p> <p>Commissioner Katz asks about school based arrests. Ryan Matthews responds that most are due to school conduct violations.</p>	

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		<p>Alice Forrester comments and emphasizes that trauma and violence are public health issues.</p> <p>Bob Francis comments that there are trainings in Bridgeport for basic intervention methods, which would be more effective than exclusionary discipline which creates more problems and requires more intervention.</p>	
6.	<b>Presentation: Recommendations from Young Adulthood (19-26) Subcommittee</b>	Andrew Papachristos presented the Young Adulthood Subcommittee's recommendations.	The recommendations can be found <a href="#">here</a> .
7.	<b>Next Steps</b>	The Commission is tasked with submitting a final report to the Governor by the end of the year, or January. There will be a public hearing on the draft report in the North End of Hartford before Commissioner members draft on the report.	
8.	<b>Adjourn</b>	Lt. Governor Wyman asked for motion to adjourn.	Ryan Matthews made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andrew Woods.