

AFRICAN AMERICAN CHILD WELL BEING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 25, 2024	TIME: 5pm-7pm
LOCATION: Virtual	ADDRESS: Microsoft Teams

Members Present: J. Lukes, J. Blakey, C. Devonish, J. Williams, K. Porter, C. Washington, D. Woods, L. Lewis, T. Russell, A. Aguy, N. Lenoir, J. Rogers

Members Absent: A. Hill, H. Yusuf, Y. Lee, T. Thomas

DCYF: S. McPherson, D. Gilchrist **Guests:** H. Skallet, J. Sommerfeld, S. Florman

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm by Chair J. Blakey
- B. Motion to approve agenda announced by J. Lukes.

II. SPECIAL BUSINESS

- A. Welcomed guest from DCYF Legislative - Heidi Ombisa Skallet, Jennifer Sommerfeld, Sarah Florman
- B. Heidi led PowerPoint presentation on DCYF's current legislative proposals and actions regarding child welfare and CPS.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. D. Gilchrist discussed the open law requirements for the council as it is now a legislative mandated council. Council will require public notification of meeting dates, times and meeting locations.
- B. Council currently functions with three monthly meetings - general council meeting, subcommittee meetings plus steering committee meetings. Discussion must continue to inquire which council meetings must be public. Will require further review.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

1. **"African American Child Welfare Outcomes"** - Chair Janine Lukes - first meeting occurred and committee was able to set some direction and structure. Meeting time was agreed for 5:30p-7:30pm.
2. **"Stakeholder Engagement and Partnerships for African American Child Welfare."** Chair Lynn Lewis - First meeting is scheduled for October 4th.
3. Reminder - All members must be on one of the two subcommittees.

V. ADJOURNMENT - occurred at 7pm.

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