



Prince George's County

TRUANCY STUDY WORKGROUP

Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 12, 2024

11:00 AM

In-Person Meeting

Minutes

- Council Member Oriadha opened the meeting and discussed the need for the Workgroup.
- Workgroup members introduced themselves and their organizations.
- Arian Albear, Director of the Education and Workforce Development (EWD) Committee, provided an overview of the enabling legislation.
- Purpose of the Workgroup
 - Identify causes, effects, and solutions to address truancy in the County.
 - Study whether a correlation exists among truancy, drop-out rates, and juvenile delinquency.
 - The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on truancy and absenteeism rates.
 - Identify recommendations to combat truancy focused on procedural, budgetary, and policy changes.
- Workgroup members discussed their expectations of the Workgroup.
- David Noto, Legislative Budget and Policy Analyst, provided a presentation on setting SMART Goals.
- Dr. Faison from PGCPSS presented on chronic absenteeism and truancy in Prince George's County Public Schools, including current data and intervention mechanisms.
- Workgroup members elected officers of the Workgroup:
 - Co-Chair: Council Member Krystal Oriadha
 - Co-Chair: Donna Christy, PGCEA
- Workgroup members suggested sub-groups of the Workgroup with the understanding that sub-group members would be selected at a later date.
 - Mental Health/Social-Emotion Support
 - Root Causes
 - Interventions/Incentives
 - Access to Transportation
 - Family Engagement
 - Educational Support/Reengagement
- Workgroup members discussed the meeting dates and format of future meetings.

- Workgroup members decided to follow up on future dates later.
- Workgroup members discussed possible presentation topics for future meetings, including:
 - A presentation from the State's Attorney and their pilot program.
- Donna Christy suggested a presentation on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).