Committee Members Present:

**District 65**
Paul Goren, Superintendent  
John Price, Assistant Superintendent  
Joyce Bartz, Assistant Superintendent of Special Services  
Claudia Garrison, Board Member  
Omar Brown, Board Member

**District 202**
Eric Witherspoon, Superintendent  
Marcus Campbell, Assistant Superintendent/Principal  
Peter Bavis, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
Doug Holt, Board Member  
Ann Landmeier, Student Assistance Program Social Worker  
Bill Stafford, Chief Financial Officer  
Pat Savage-Williams, Board Member

**City of Evanston**
Richard Eddington, Police Chief  
Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager  
Joe McRae, Deputy City Manager & Director of Parks, Rec, and Community Services  
Jane Grover, 7th Ward Alderman  
Mark Tendam, 6th Ward Alderman  
Karen Danczak Lyons, Evanston Public Library

**Others Present**
Kate Mahoney, Director  
Amy Carvalho Gulati, Prevention Services Coordinator

**Call to Order:** Dr. Goren called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**Approval of the February 18, 2015 Minutes:** The February 18, 2015 minutes were approved as presented.

**Homelessness and Coordination of Services:** The committee discussed the Connections to Homelessness long-range plan that includes retargeting funding to leverage additional sources from private and public funding. If the plan is to be successful, it must be a community effort with all major organizations involved. Cradle to Career (C2C), Local Area Network (LAN), Evanston Public Library (EPL), and Peer Services were identified as major organizations focusing their efforts on identifying a family engagement strategy that bring services into the school districts.
The committee also discussed the need for affordable housing and the creation of more employment opportunities. The City Council will be making further recommendations on these issues in the near future.

Cradle to Career (C2C): The C2C update opened with the discussion of the appointment of the new Executive Director, Sheila Merry, and the introduction of the Solution Design Teams, with the initial focus on community literacy. The committee also discussed how to track ETHS students that may require additional support when seeking employment due to literacy issues.

Joint Literacy Goal: The committee discussed the joint literacy goal between districts 65 and 202, and described the collaboration meetings that took place towards creating a working definition of the goal. The staffs acknowledged the renewed collaborative spirit between the districts.

Overview of Lobby Day: The committee discussed the financial uncertainty voiced by government representatives at Evanston in Springfield Day surrounding Senate Bill 1 (SB1) funding. Several attendees remarked that information by decision makers could come swiftly and quickly become law.

Evanston Police Report on Youth Activities: Chief Richard Eddington described the multi-layered response by the City of Evanston to a recent shooting with gang overtones. The response included outreach workers and services provided from Parks and Recreation to diffuse the situation. SRO Amanda Wright was acknowledged for her work in the ETHS mentor program.

Evanston Substance Abuse Committee/PEER Services: The committee discussed the potential opening of medical marijuana dispensaries in the Evanston area, and the negative effects on teenagers and youth in communities where medical marijuana is legalized. Additionally, the committee discussed the effects of marijuana on the developing brains and the significant decreases in hippocampus growth.

Summer Reading Program: A brochure describing the EPL summer reading program was distributed.

Evanston Day: The City announced that Evanston was ranked as fifth in the “Fifty Best Cities in America” contest.

2015-16 Meeting Dates: The committee approved the 2015-16 meeting dates as:
- October 21, 2015 City of Evanston
- February 17, 2016 Evanston Township
- May 11, 2016 District 65

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.