



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Civil Rights

February 12, 2007  
Health, Energy and Environment Committee

### Subject:

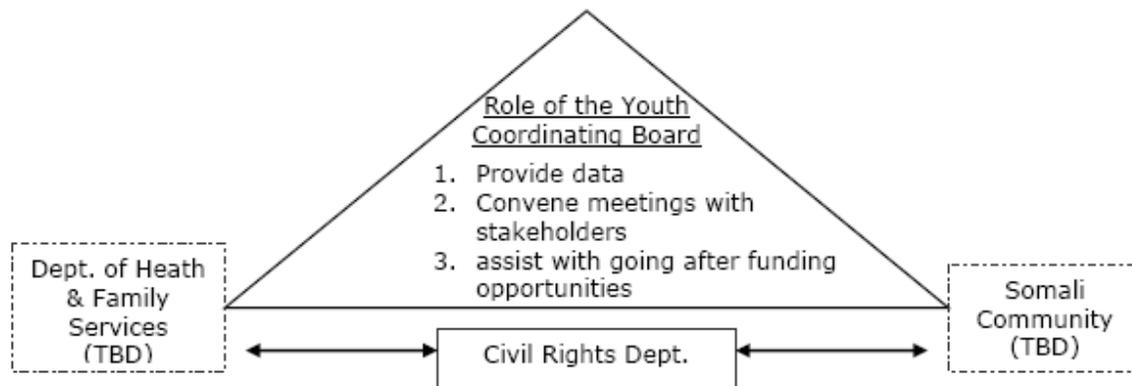
Somali Youth Issues – Update to the Health, Energy and Environment (HE & E) Committee on directives from January 18, 2007.

The Civil Rights Department has facilitated discussions and meetings with members of the Department of Health and Family Services, Youth Coordinating Board and the Somali Community to develop addressing the staff directives from the HE & E Committee. The Civil Rights Department also has additional meetings scheduled that will take place over the next two weeks as a continued effort to address staff directives.

### Recommendation:

1. The Civil Rights Department will continue to work with members of the Department of Health and Family Services, Youth Coordinating Board and the Somali Community to develop a structure for addressing the recommendations in the Somali Youth Report.
2. The Civil Rights Department will continue to update the HE & E Committee on directives from January 18, 2007.

### Goal: to develop a structure for addressing the Recommendations in the Somali Youth Report



**Previous Directives:**

On January 18, 2007, the Health, Energy and Environment Committee approved the following three staff directions:

- a. that staff from the Department of Civil Rights work with staff from the Department of Health & Family Support to explore funding for Somali youth issues, including County, State and Federal resources that may be available, with a report back to the HE&E Committee with recommendations and a time frame in two Council cycles (February 12th Meeting).
- b. that the City’s representatives on the Youth Coordinating Board be requested to bring the Report on Somali Youth Issues forward to the Youth Coordinating Board.
- c. that the Interim Civil Rights Director report to the HE&E Committee in two Council cycles (February 12th Meeting) with a recommendation for the structure of a collaboration with the Youth Coordinating Board.

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**Reviews**

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Impact:**

- Unknown (TBD)

**Community Impact:**

- City Goals
  1. A Safe Place to Call Home
  2. One Minneapolis
  3. Lifelong Learning Second to None
  4. Connected Communities

**Supporting Information**