



*Pulling Together for the Children of Frederick County*

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Frederick County Interagency Early Childhood Committee  
*A Subcommittee of the Local Management Board*  
MHA Community Services Wing  
**Meeting Minutes**  
March 7, 2019

**Present:** Shannon Aleshire, Kathy Allen, Jennifer Barker-Frey, Leslie Barnes-Keating, Nancy Boyd, Natalie Cioffi, Barbara Dillon, Leslie Frei, Malcolm Furgol, Kerri Griffin, Dr. James Lee, Kathy Long, Barbara May, Patty Morison, Cathy Nusbaum, Darcy O'Daniel, Terri Ridenour, Pat Rosensteel, Ann Ryan, Shelly Toms, Amy Tzortzinis, Janet Vogel, Stacy Wantz, Delaine Welch, Janet Speak

**Meeting Minutes Recorder:** Cathy Nusbaum

**Welcome and Introductions:** Kathy opened the meeting at 1:05. Attendees introduced themselves.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:**

Leslie Barnes-Keating made a motion to approve, Delaine Welch seconded the motion. All were in favor. No corrections.

**ACEs workgroup update** – Pilar Olivo provided an update in writing:

At its last meeting the ACEs Workgroup reviewed the first two years of planning, identified two important take-aways from the January Priority Setting Summit (include a greater focus on data and data analysis as well as integrate maternal child health indicators), reviewed available ACEs data, brainstormed proxy data for ACEs, and learned about the status of and health disparities regarding maternal child health in Frederick. At the next meeting, the ACEs Workgroup will create a final status update of its first two year action plan to provide to the Frederick Health Care Coalition as part of its transition to the next three years of planning. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 14th from 12:30 - 2:00 at MHA.

With the help of a volunteer process facilitator, Nancy Wilson, the ACEs Workgroup Leaders have created an ambitious schedule of learning activities for the next three months to ground the next three years of planning and coordinating. Please attend the meetings and read the monthly minutes to stay up to date! To receive a meeting reminder or get on email distribution list, contact Pilar Olivo, [polivo@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:polivo@FrederickCountyMD.gov)

**KRA questions** – Cathy Nusbaum

Cathy shared information on the KRA scale score range (which begins at 202). Scale scores don't normally have a minimum value of 0 because test makers don't want people to confuse scale scores with raw scores. So, we need to interpret students who have a scale score of 202 as students with a very minimal (if any) understanding of the material.

Cathy also shared a Trend Data document created by FCPS. This is to be used by IECC members only, to have a better way to compare the fall 2018 KRA domain data with previous years. Malcolm requested that a MSDE representative attend one of our meetings to provide clarification on why the data reporting changed. Cathy will look into this possibility.

## **SWOT Analysis reporting**

Janet and Kathy began by sharing the Mission and Responsibilities of the IECC as outlined in the bylaws. Our mission is: To promote the healthy development and well-being of young children and their families through community collaboration. The responsibilities include:

- Reviewing the KRA data
- Conduct or review local needs assessments
- Provide opportunities for collaboration and coordination among agencies
- Establish goals and objectives annually using the information gathered.

Janet and Kathy met with Health Department staff to discuss the process they used to develop strategic plan. This was done through a SWOT analysis.

Janet and Kathy also shared the results of the spring IECC survey. The data was very similar to the fall survey data. This group wants to do a little bit of everything. However, we know this is not possible with all we do outside this committee.

In an attempt to begin to capture what we are already doing, a [Google Doc](#) was created for each subcommittee to list the collaborations and contributions each person/agency is already contributing to the goals of the subcommittee and the IECC.

There was some discussion about this process, but the committee was assured this was an initial step and further analysis and discussion will follow at other meetings.

The committee reconvened in subcommittees to discuss and complete the Google Doc.

## **Subcommittee Reports**

- **Education**
  - Participants: Darcy Lipscomb, Jennifer Barker-Frey, Delaine Welch-Freas, Patty Morison, Barbara Dillon, Janet Speak, Kathy Long, Stacy Wantz, Cathy Nusbaum, Leslie Frei, Kathy Allen
- **Advocacy** - New name for this committee is: **Community Empowerment Workgroup**. Their goal has not yet been identified but will be based on vision of IECC  
They shared an example of a single vision group in Maryland. It is called: Thriving Germantown. This approach targets only the Germantown catchment area. Everything the group does is targeted to that one area rather than being

diluted by serving the entire county. They feel it makes more of an impact, but is designed to be replicated and brought to scale at some point.

- **Family Engagement**

- Participants: Carrie Sorenson, Shelly Toms, Nancy Boyd, Amy Tzortinis, Janet Vogel, Terri Ridenour, Natalie Cioffi, Leslie Barnes-Keating

## **Networking**

- Darcy - This Sunday (3/10/19) is the free quarterly Sprouting Melodies Demo Class. This is an opportunity for families to try out the program to see if interested. Next round of classes to begin in 2 weeks on Thursdays and Sundays. Noteable Progressions is also hiring 2 music therapists and part time admin.
- Barbara Dillon - Blessings in a Backpack is adding another school (North Frederick). Will start with youngest students in PK, then add K etc. Received funds from national office to get started. Also, collaborating with FCPL, Literacy Council, and Curious Iguana to launch: REAdy for Summer. Each child they are currently serving in PK, K, 1st will receive a new hardcover book which will go home in last bag of the school year.
- Leslie Frei - PK and K registration begins March 18th. We are hoping to get families to register early. We created a new flyer. It has pictures of the required documentation as well as QR codes linking to a video (in English and Spanish) explaining to parents what they need to bring. We will be placing half sheets in Blessing in a Backpack bags in March.
- Terri Ridenour- Registration for Inclusive classrooms begins on March 18th also. This program has spaces for same age peers (3's and 4's), however there is no transportation. 3's attend either M/W or T/H. All targeted schools (except BRES) will have 3's and 4's.
- Delaine Welch-Freas - FCC is offering a free workshop working with PBS to provide an Edcamp. This is on April 20th from 8:30 - 12:00.
- Janet Vogel - FCPL will be hosting a Human Library - people are books. The public is invited to come and check out a book (have an opportunity to talk with other people they don't know with different life experiences). It will be on April 6th from 10:00 - 4:30 at C. Burr Artz.
- Malcolm Furgol - Tax support is still available. Call 211 to schedule. Summer Serve registration is open. United Way is hiring for counseling positions. Next United Way grant is April.
- Pat Rosensteel - COIPP next sharing fair on Sunday April 7. Held outside detention center from 9:00 - 2:00. Provides access to free items. Looking for: shampoo, toiletries, hygiene products, diapers etc. Also, COIPP offers a bowling activity each month on Saturdays. Need volunteers. If interested contact Delaine. Another activity is Coffee with CIOPP on Friday 1:00 - 2:30 at Grace United Church. The lessons are scripted so anyone can do facilitate.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:38**

**Next Meeting – April 4, 2019**

*Minute Recorder - Martha Gurzick*

*Presentation – Barbara May, Mental Health Association*