



Pulling Together for the Children of Frederick County

Frederick County Interagency Early Childhood Committee
A Subcommittee of the Local Management Board
Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2020

Attendees: Kathy Allen, Jennifer Barker-Frey, Nancy Boyd, Leslie Frei, Malcolm Furgol, Colleen Guardia, Stacey Herbst, Dr. James Lee, Kathy Long, Barbara May, Jim Miller, Patty Morison, Cathy Nusbaum, Pilar Olivo, Terri Ridenour, Pat Rosensteel, Ann Ryan, Ginny Simoneau, Amy Tzortzinis, Margaret Manning, Janet Vogel, Leila Guaffari

Review and Approval of Minutes: Leslie Frei motioned to approve the minutes as written, Pat Rosensteel seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Updates:

- Children's Festival – the committee meets just before the IECC meetings from January to April. The committee is looking for volunteers (including ideas, committee membership, volunteers for the day of the festival, contributions/sponsors) etc. If interested, contact Patty Morison.
- Ginny is asking for information about any events happening in April. These will be added to a calendar for the Frederick's Child magazine. Email Ginny with information. (ginny.ccw@gmail.com)
- United Way Live United Grant cycle open for applications until 1/31. www.unitedwayfrederick.org/grants

ACEs Committee Update: Pilar Olivo

1. Mental Health provider survey - post cards are being printed (mailed early next week) to launch online survey. MHA will be sending emails. Survey will be open through end of January.
2. ACE's workgroup is offering a research-based training to help turn the curve for better outcomes for improve African American and Latina Maternal Infant Health in Frederick County. Target audience is those who serve pregnant women and newborns. It will be on Feb 21 (8:00 – 12:00) at Crestwood Medical center. Registration required.
3. There is an ACE's group that is researching home visiting. Kathy Allen, Pilar Olivo, and Barbara May will be attending a national conference in DC. It will be available through live streaming as well. The Health Department will host a viewing.

Presentation – Ann Ryan, Housing Authority of the City of Frederick

The Housing Authority of the City of Frederick serves over 220 families in public housing and over 640 in the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) program. The goal of the Family Services Office is to invite each family to thrive, from cradle through career. They do this by providing a variety of services to residents. The services most relevant to launching healthy children were highlighted in the report, "Early Learning and Thriving Families Initiative," which was distributed. Other information shared included:

- Family Services tries to answer question of what do kids need early on in order to be successful in school and life?
- The families they are working with are already in affordable housing. So, the families are able to breathe a little and can focus on building other skills. The Family Services

staff has built relationships with residents and can then serve as a navigator/resource to help each individual grow.

- Live United grant – Hired a baby movement occupational therapist and began home visitation to new mothers
- Created a Teen center to focus on academic enrichment of teens living in Lucas Village
- Created a new center at 187 Pennsylvania Avenue for early learning services (parent cafes, OT, Breakfast with Babies) as well as individual tutoring for elementary students afterschool and evening
- Head Start is a great resource in Lucas Village for the 3 and 4 year old children, allowing Family Services to shift focus to birth - 2 yrs and school age (with SRES)
- Offers onsite individual counselling for moms through Villa Maria
- Provides job prep program and apprenticeships, including a special focus on Young Men Rising
- Provides childcare assistance through grants
- Provides transportation assistance through grants
- They are working with many other agencies on IECC, including Asian American Center with a 20 hour/week Community Health Worker to support needs of pregnant women living in public housing.
- Receives support from Community Foundation, United Way, Delaplaine, and Cross Foundation for their Early Learning and Thriving Families Initiative.
- Looking forward to starting new partnership with Heartly House to provide onsite outreach to families to reduce toxic stress in households due to domestic violence.

Strategic Planning Review of Goals and Next Steps: Pat Rosensteel

- Today's goal is to have a general discussion within group. Generate ideas
- Recording sheet has a place to identify:
 - Committee members
 - Chairperson (also need someone to record)
 - Activities - who is responsible, resources needed? Realistic timeline for each activity
 - Who is responsible
 - Any resources needed
 - General timeline
 - Status/comments
- At conclusion of group work give the recording forms/notes to Pat
- Beginning in February, the group work will be done following the IECC meeting (as the Doodle poll results identified)

Networking

- Barbara May – MHA Visitation Center is in dire need of volunteers to observe non-custodial visits.
- Jennifer Barker Frey - MLK Day of Service is January 20th from 10:00 – 1:00 at the ARC of Frederick County.
- Malcolm - 2020 census - presentation next month.
 - New advocacy platform on United Way website. There is an issue on child care.
- Janet – FCPL launched winter reading challenge (January 1 – January 31). All ages. www.fcpl.org/winter
- Nancy Boyd - Lunar New Year event on February 2nd, from 1:00 – 3:00 at the Urbana Library.

**Next Meeting –
February 6, 2020 1 p.m. MHA Community Services Wing
Minutes Recorder – Nancy Boyd**