



Pulling Together for the Children of Frederick County

Frederick County Interagency Early Childhood Committee

A Subcommittee of the Local Management Board

MHA Community Services Wing

Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2020

Attendees: Sehom Abalo, Kathy Allen, Jennifer Barker-Frey, Leslie Barnes-Keating, Nancy Boyd, Steve Buckley, Barbara Dillon, Leslie Frei, Diana Fulchiron, Malcolm Furgol, Liela Guaffari, Colleen Guardia, Stacey Herbst, Jessica Lertora, Kathy Long, Cathy Nusbaum, Pilar Olivo, Ann Ryan, Kim Seoni, Ginny Simoneau, Brooke Sims, Janet Speak, Shelly Toms, Amy Tzortzinis, Janet Vogel

Review and Approval of Minutes: Minutes were unanimously approved with the correction of Margaret Manning's name.

Children's Festival Update: Ginny Simoneau passed out a sign-up sheet for volunteers to cover the Education booth with 2-hour time slots.

ACEs Committee Update: Pilar Olivo

1. Mental Health Provider survey closed 1/31. Results are being tabulated.
2. Diversity & Inclusion Strategies to Improve African American and Latina Maternal Infant Health in Frederick County workshop scheduled 2/21 (8:00-12:00) at Frederick Health Crestwood still has spaces open. 35 have registered so far.
3. The Healthcare Provider survey at Frederick Health will be relaunched.
4. Shared language and understanding makes a difference in how information is shared. We have been working with the Frameworks Institute and are hoping to get representatives to present in Frederick.
5. The home visiting summit had amazing speakers. The plenaries were live-streamed. We learned about Family Connects Durham and Medicaid Innovations.
6. April as Child Abuse Awareness Month flyers were distributed. The combined proclamation with Month of the Young Child will be 3/31 at 11:30 AM at Winchester Hall.

PGDB-5 Grant Update: Cathy Nusbaum

1. We're wrapping up the ECAC grant with the completion of the Summit, Learning Day and Strategic Planning Day.
2. Governor Hogan has increased money in the proposed budget for early childhood development including preschool expansion, more Judy Centers and family support centers and increased childcare subsidy funds.
3. The second ECAC grant is \$50,000/yr for the next 3 years. The RFP comes out in April.
4. Pilar Olivo stated the two yoga mindfulness workshops were very successful.
5. Kathy Allen announced that the MSDE ECAC updates are on the new IECC Google Drive.

See page 10 (PGDB-5) for what the second grant will focus on, particularly:

System Building Strategies

Capacity at the local level to complete tasks

Census Presentation: Malcolm Furgol

1. Malcolm gave the group 3 quiz questions about the census-answers:
 - Low registration in 2010 cost Frederick County \$11,000,000.00.
 - Families with preschool children was the lowest counted group in 2010.
 - The new feature in 2020 is online registration.
2. Materials can be ordered and speakers requested from United Way.
3. Mid-March notices to register will be sent. April 1 is the official registration day through the end of June..

4. Census publicity is being encouraged through libraries and senior centers.
5. Most P.O. Boxes will not receive notices.
6. Multigenerational families living in the same residence will complete 1 form.
7. If several different families are living in the same residence, each family will complete a separate form.

Bylaws discussion: Shelly Toms motioned and Pilar seconded and the group unanimously approved to accept the revision to add an additional year of service to the Chair and Vice-Chair terms to facilitate transition.

Announcements:

Cathy Nusbaum is retiring July 1.

Leslie Barnes-Keating is now Deputy Director of Citizens Services.

Goal Group Reports:

Malcolm Furgol reported for groups 1 & 2: a market analysis is needed on children in Frederick County. As IECC, we support the Governor's proposed budget. In preparation for the March meeting, make suggestions for items on which to spend funds.

Cathy Nusbaum reported for group 3: We discussed how some of our local goals aligned with the Maryland Prenatal to Age 8 Strategic Plan.

Leslie Frei reported for group 4: Live Well Frederick representative will attend next meeting and our discussion will be shared. We discussed developing a comprehensive marketing plan including healthy brain development and questions to parents and caregivers on wants and needs. Leslie Barnes-Keating explained the data point meeting they held at Hillcrest ES and how they were able to encourage families to suggest dreams and reasonable requests.

Networking:

- Diana Fulchiron mentioned Community Foundation grants: Healthcare, Frederick Mutual Insurance, Women's Giving Circle and others.
- Cathy Nusbaum announced that every child will be included in future KRA assessments instead of just a "sample".
- Malcolm Furgol distributed flyers about their tax assistance program. Any family with income less than \$56,000 and receiving statements via W2 forms is eligible.
- Friday, September 18 will be the next Summit of Intersections and will be on Trauma.
- Ann Ryan announced a new partnership between Lucas Village and Heartly House. Representatives are on-site weekly to offer more family stability. Also their resident CHW is assisting expectant moms getting to their pre-natal appointments.
- Leslie Frei announced FCPS, Head Start and Blessings in a Backpack are partnering to offer a male Parent Cafe on April 2 at 6:00 PM.
- Kindergarten registration begins March 16.
- Colleen Guardia stated Head Start applications for the 2020-2021 school year are available.
- Submitted by Nancy Boyd, February 7, 2020

Next Meeting

March 5, 2020 1:00 PM MHA Community Services Wing

Minutes Recorder - Ann Ryan

Presentation - Cathy Nusbaum, FCPS ECE Coordinator, KRA Data

