



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
March 5, 2020

Attendees: Sehomi Abalo, Kathy Allen, Jennifer Barker-Frey, Nancy Boyd, Leslie Frei, Diana Fulchiron, Malcolm Furgol, Colleen Guardia, Stacey Herbst, Jessica Lertora, Kathy Long, Sarah McAleavy, Jim Miller, Patty Morison, Cathy Nusbaum, Pilar Olivo, Ann Ryan, Katie Weishaar, Nicole Paulino, Katie McKeever, Dorcas Thruku, Nikki Pierre

Reviewed and Approval of Minutes: Minutes were unanimously approved by Pilar Olivo and seconded by Leslie Frei.

ACEs Committee Update: Pilar Olivo – The Diversity and Inclusion Strategies to Improve African American and Latina Mental Infant Health workshop went well. Fifty-eight participants were there. Pilar shared the surveys completed showed the largest increase in knowledge than other workshops we've done. Plans are being discussed to have the presenter do this workshop in other settings (Health Dept. and Citizens Services). Pilar is now working on another workshop "Integrating Behavior Care into Your Practice" on June 8th – in the evening most likely from 5-7:30pm. Pilar shared Senate bill 918 for a statewide trauma informed commission is going to hearing is tomorrow. If interested in providing written testimony, it was due by Friday 3/6/20.

Children's Festival Update: Patty Morison – The committee is looking for volunteers to work a 2-hour time slot at the IECC table. Postcards and flyers were passed out – please let Patty know if you need more for your agency. She asked that we all share the event on our social media sites. Patty alerted the group that the Children's Festival would not be on the cover of Frederick's Child Magazine this year. She mentioned that there should be advertising with FNP. A small flyer was handed out with the link on United Way's website to sign up to volunteer for the day of the event.

Patti reported out on the Mindfulness and Yoga workshops that were geared to childcare providers. The workshops were well attended – 20 people in one and 17 in the other. Evaluations were all very positive. They stated the participants would like to see more things like this, felt the instructor was very informative, appreciated the instructor's calmness and soft voice, and participants learned actual techniques to do with the children.

Cathy Nusbaum report on the ECAC grant – All of the grant was spent but .66. The final report has been prepared and submitted. The report is a compilation of what we

did; reflection of what we did; how involved the community was and the positive response. A copy of final report will be sent out to IECC members.

KRA Presentation & Questions– Cathy Nusbaum, ECE Coordinator FCPS – power point is **attached**. Cathy received the Frederick County data late last week and it's not on the website yet. Cathy will be digging deeper into the data to get a better understanding of the stories behind the data.

Goal group reports:

1 & 2: Malcolm reported the group is connecting with Maryland Family Network to talk about market analysis and to get costs and other ideas.

3: Cathy reported they came up with questions for what parents need to know and where to disseminate

4: Jim reported they had guest speakers from Live Well Frederick. The speakers discussed how it came about, and how they started. Jim said it was very helpful for the group to learn more about how to develop a logic model and move forward,

Kathy Allen announced the local ECAC grant would be out in April. She suggested that each workgroup think about what they need so it can get into grant application.

Kathy announced a MPT representative would be coming to the Judy Center on 3/11 at 2pm to talk to folks about what they can offer for family engagement activities with funding they have. Kathy suggested that folks look on MPT's website for teacher and parent resources.

Diana reported the Women's Giving Circle grant opening soon; Scholarship applications are open now for seniors and for people beyond high school

Colleen reported information about the Dad's Café coming up. April 2nd 6-8 pm; largely males in the room; RSVP by March 23rd; targeting dads of younger families. Flyers were handed out.

Patty shared that she has been working with Frederick's Mayor and Board of Aldermen because they have \$10,000 to give to family Child Care providers who operate in Frederick City. They are planning to give providers a stipend based on EXCELS ratings. The providers will need to complete an application process. The purpose of the City doing this is to increase quality and parent access to high quality care in the City.

Malcolm passed out Census information in both English and Spanish. He also mentioned that VITA tax appointments are still going on. SummerServe registration is opened and scholarships are available. They are also taking applications for Counselors.

Asian American Center is collaborating with Workforce Services. They will be holding employment workshops for that neighborhood 2x a month. Asian American Center is located at 1306 W. Patrick St, Suite 5A (in the Big Lots shopping center).

Meeting adjourned at 2:45

Next Meeting –
April 2, 2020 1 p.m. MHA Community Services Wing
Minutes Recorder – Ann Ryan
Presentation – Nancy Boyd, Asian American Center of Frederick

Important Upcoming Events:
3/31/2020 11:30am: Month of the Young Child Proclamation
4/25/2020 10am-3pm: Children's Festival, Baker Park

Mission Statement:

To promote the healthy development and well-being of young children and their families through community collaboration.

NOTICE:

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