



*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*

**Mission Statement:**

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

**Meeting Minutes**

October 1, 2020

**Attendees:**

Delaine Welch  
Barb May  
Kathy Allen  
Nancy Boyd  
Malcolm Furgol  
Jessica Lertora  
Jennifer Barker-Frey  
Claudia Hernandez  
Jen Russo  
Pat Rosensteel  
Leslie Frei  
Colleen Guardia  
Lisa Jarboe  
Leshia Chandler  
Patty Morison  
Amy Tzortzinis  
Ginny Simoneau  
Kathy Long  
Maame Baffour

- Welcome and Introductions: *Kathy Allen and Barbara May*
- Review and Approval of Minutes: Shelly Toms motioned. Delaine Welch seconded. Unanimous.
- Nominations/Volunteer for Family Engagement Subcommittee Co-chair

1:15-1:25

- ACEs Committee Update: Pilar Olivo
- ACES Workgroup voted to invest \$3225 in the first session of We Design with Harvard Center on the Developing Child and \$5000 in the Child Care Market Analysis. Workgroup recommended to LMB to FCPS to increase its distribution points and strategies to increase the percentage of children receiving school

lunch and breakfast. Shelly Toms has followed up with Dana Falls, the FCPS designee to LMB.

- LECAC Year 1 updates: - *Kathy Allen and Barbara May*
  - Review budget and approval of changes to Year 1 budget
  - Recommend shifts to budget to increase incentives and supplies for ECE Yoga and We Design. Colleen Guardia first. Leslie Frei second. Unanimous support.

- Presentation – *Jessica Lertora, Safe Babies Court Team*

Target population in Frederick County is babies and toddler who are in foster care or in court-supervised care. Idea is to move quickly — babies can't wait for safe place to live or for attachment — and give supports to families. Judge Teresa Adams and Magistrate Joanie Raymond and DSS provide leadership. SBCT is a promising practice and moving toward evidence-based approach. Look at system and what supports infants and toddler to see gaps and fill gaps with knowledge and training for creative ideas and solution. We have an active community team including substance use — break down silos. Federal mandate to move on permanency plan if the current one is not working. Monthly family meeting to provide support and figure out how to make changes — encourage parent. Judge Adams sees every family monthly as well. SBCT is supporting a cohort of families participating in child parent psychotherapy — evidence-based modality. Expanding our decision-making team with a new model from Zero to Three.

Breakout Groups began at 1:45

- LECAC Grant Project groups – Breakout Zoom rooms
  1. Native Content articles FNP. Patty was interviewed for the article. One additional family needed to be interviewed— willing to be photographed. Leslie shared docs for family contacts re: FNP article — <https://docs.google.com/document/d/15AbixrPQ-I4lhMbc6XGBSJ6YEC6aXVckxylcWrlKDRQ/edit>
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  3. Family Engagement – Email list service. Met with Marketing contractor— Diane Demarko. Shared additional information on strategic plan. Will start with COVID related communication. Important to start with family needs. Combine family survey and focus groups. Colleen Guardia and Jessica Lertora will lead this group.
  4. Child Care Market Analysis —Shift to start with parent survey— combine with family engagement survey— and focus group.

## Networking

- Colleen Guardia. Head Start is open at 50% capacity. Space is still available and they are accepting applications.

- Family Partnership has updated flyers for virtual parent education and youth programs. Barb May will be sending them out. Seeking new referrals for families with young children.
- Child Care Choices. Patty Morison just received 3 referrals for early childhood mental health program — quiescent utilization since March. Previously had 6 week wait list for the program. Parent survey just closed focused on support for virtual learning assistance from child care providers. Child Care Choices — 87% child care providers, including family providers, are open since the County grant program launched. State-wide average is 76%. Doesn't speak to utilization or number of spots.
- United Way — Malcolm Furgol. October 13 ALICE Report Launch over 100 people have registered already. Includes a panel discussion. Tomorrow October 2 is a day of action — drop off donations at Key Stadium.
- FCPS ECE — listening session with Child Care Providers. August concern was Schoology. September — managing multiple children with different devices in multiple rooms. October 7 is next listening session. One more in November. BOE is beginning to explore hybrid. Schools are able to bring small groups in. Monocacy Elementary School has two face to face kindergarten classes. Hoping to envision a home visiting position as part of Judy Centers. Leslie unlikely to be at full capacity this year.

Meeting adjourned at 2:47 pm

**Next Meeting –  
November 5, 2020 1 p.m.  
Zoom Link to TBD**

*Presentation - Malcolm Furgol, United Way of Frederick County ALICE Report*