



*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**

November 5, 2020

**Attendees:** Kathy Allen, Jennifer Barker-Frey, Nancy Boyd, Malcolm Furgol, Colleen Guardia, Jessica Lertora, Kathy Long, Barbara May, Jim Miller, Pat Rosensteel, Shelly Toms, Diana Fulchiron, Leshia Chandler, Steve Buckley, Claudia Hernandez, Ginny Simoneau, Ula Slider, Patty Morison, Jen Russo, Rorie Cox-Steib, Terri Ridenour, Pilar Olivo, Sarah Ford

### **Meeting Commenced at 1:02pm**

**Introductions** were made welcoming Sarah Ford as minute taker. Barbara May led the group through the rest of the introductions and the organizations that are represented.

**Minutes** were approved with the corrected spelling of Magistrate *Joanie* Raymond. Colleen Guardia motioned for the vote and seconded by Pilar Olivo. Unanimous.

Kathy gave a reminder that this meeting was recorded for internal purposes.

**Local Grant Updates** – Kathy Allen confirmed that the budget amendment and extension was approved by MSDE for the first 6 months of grant. The IECC will be using that amendment to get more materials for Trauma Informed Yoga. Native Content 's first article will be printed this Friday, 11/6/20. We will discuss more articles in the future.

**We Design Updates** – Pilar Olivo. The workshop is on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. There are currently 97 attendees. Thank you to all who volunteered to help with material distribution. We have enough materials for 130 attendees and registration is still open. Pilar gave an overview of what the training layout will be like.

**ACEs Workgroup** – Pilar Olivo. ACEs is hosting training on Nov 12, 2020. This information is about the 2018 Youth Risk Behavior Survey. An epidemiologist will be analyzing the data for Frederick County. It starts at 10am - will be recorded. If you are interested in signing up, please email Pilar.

**Trauma Informed Yoga Sessions** – Patty Morison. The IECC PDG grant is doing another series of yoga with Shelly Pentony called: Resources and Tools for the Body Based in Stress. There will be 2 sessions; One on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. It is \$5 and participants will get materials including a yoga mat. There will be drive by porch drop-offs and also sessions at MHA. The series will repeat on Monday December 7<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

Focuses on the information and data of the ALICE 2020 report, the data is from 2018 because it is reported on every 2 years. Please click here for pdf of presentation:

<https://www.unitedwayfrederick.org/sites/unitedwayfrederick.org/files/ALICE%20Launch%20Event%20Revised%20%281%29.pdf>

For more information please visit the website at: <https://www.unitedwayfrederick.org/alice>

### **Breakout Session Updates:**

- **Native Content:** Jennifer Barker-Frey, Rorie Cox-Steib, Steve Buckley, Jim Miller, Terri Ridenour

The first article out on this Friday. The second article on ACEs during COVID is currently being talked about and ideas about who the primary sources to participant in it will be. Examples: Pilar, Dr. Lee, Malcom with ALICE information for families that are impacted with ACES and the effect on families, elementary school teachers, system navigator, and/or local groups at the library. Then they narrow it down to see what is missing.

- **Family Engagement: Marketing & Communication Plan:** Barbara May, Claudia Hernandez, Colleen Guardia, Jessica Lertora, Leshia Chandler, Jen Russo, Pat Rosensteel, Nancy Boyd, Ula Slider

Regrouped and discussed the goals for the group using the strategic plan that grounded the group and its purpose. Also, discussed the We Design application for the Family Engagement Pilot Programs to work with Harvard. Currently working on getting Pilar's opinion on it.

- **Child Care Market Analysis:** Kathy Allen, Kathy Long, Malcom Furgol, Pilar Olivo, Shelly Toms, Patty Morison, Diana Fulchiron, Ginny Simoneau

How to proceed with the child care analysis with the concerns for the safety of children during COVID-19 with the decline in family provider's and the impact on the community. There are two recommendations on how to proceed:

1. Identify an experienced evaluator. Recommend funding \$5,000.00 to hire a consultant to help plan for two and a half years of work related to create a direction for child care work.
2. The idea of focusing on the ELL population as a starting point for the outcomes we want the most to shift and figuring what other barriers there are besides cost.

*The group confirmed recommendation for funding to be spend towards hiring an evaluator for \$5000.00. The vote was given through a poll and was passed unanimously.*

## Community Updates

- Kathy gave a recap of MFN – building babies PowerPoint. If you are interested and want the information from the state email her or Barb.
- Pat announced a new position for a research grant assistant. The position is for one year for 15 hours a week. To view description please click here:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tArIbK\\_iIEYozFEvpyNA1QF1ATLPRc1D/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tArIbK_iIEYozFEvpyNA1QF1ATLPRc1D/view?usp=sharing)  
Email Pat if you know of anyone that is interested.
- Jessica gave information for the following webinar:  
ITCP Advancing Race Equity Webinar Series: Breaking Down Barriers for Engagement with Families of Color to Achieve Racial Equity with Dr. Marva Lewis  
This webinar series provides a focus on the psychological and interpersonal dynamic of achieving racial equity goals and support participants in the practice of speaking the language of Equity. This webinar will introduce relationship-based psychosocial tools for Infant Toddler Court Teams to use, build on and sustain equity practices in your specific communities:  
[https://zerotothree.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_OdhuULEyTZONY4QWQPYK2Q?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=ITCP\\_webinar&utm\\_campaign=ITCP](https://zerotothree.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OdhuULEyTZONY4QWQPYK2Q?utm_medium=email&utm_source=ITCP_webinar&utm_campaign=ITCP)
- Malcom will email out the presentation to everyone for the ALICE report. Also, they are planning to do a state survey of ALICE households in January on financial stability. More details to come.
- Steve Buckley informed us that the Infant toddler program has provided services continued since March please call: 301-600-1612, assessments are currently being giving virtually and dental services are also still open. If any families need medical assistance call: 301-600-1041.
- Pilar spoke about the MCH Collaboration focus group. On December 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a listening session about African-American women pregnancy and new mothering. A small gift card will be given to participants virtually. They will also be holding an in-person meeting at the Asian American Center for a handful of women to gather for virtual assessments. Barb will send out a flyer for it to the group later in the week.

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:35pm.**

**Next meeting is December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 1:00pm**