



Pulling Together for the Children of Frederick County

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

January 7, 2020

Attendees:

Kathy Allen
Jennifer Barker-Frey
Nancy Boyd
Malcolm Furgol
Barbara May
Pat Rosensteel
Shelly Toms
Diana Fulchiron
Steve Buckley

Ula Slider
Patty Morison
Jen Russo
Pilar Olivo
Sarah Ford
Kim Seoni
Leslie Frei
Lisa Martinis
Katharine Long

Christy Donnelly
Jessica Lertora
Stacy Wantz
Deb Spurrier
Shira Soloman
Teri Bickel
Claudia Hernandez

Meeting Commenced at 1:06pm

Introductions – Barbara May led the group through introductions of new participants and the organizations that are represented in the meeting.

Minutes – Diane Fulchiron motioned for the vote and seconded by Pilar Olivo. Unanimous.

Presentation – *Steve Buckley – Frederick County Developmental Center*

The Developmental Center and the Infant and Toddler Program for Frederick County is located at the Health Department and is part of the Health Services Division. They have four unique programs at the Center that is talked about in the presentation. Please click the link for more information.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xBwFCJVK3sxi-uuRQ_StykQ2cL3SU7Tr/view?usp=sharing

Local Grant Updates – Kathy Allen. We had extended the grant year to cover the work with Harvard and the Childcare Plan to the end of January. We are still on target to spend remaining funds. The plan on spending the remaining amount will be for incentives for a childcare conference and for childcare

providers that participant in the conference. The end of the year report will be coming up and will need to be completed closer to the end of January. The second year of the grant has begun and we are in the process of starting to spend that funding.

ACEs Workgroup & We Design Updates – Pilar Olivo. Currently focusing on the IECC efforts. A lot more discussion later, ACEs workgroup is also looking at more workshops with the FrameWorks Institute on Developing Shared Languages and understanding. More information to come later.

Breakout Session Updates:

- **Native Content:** Jennifer Barker-Frey, Steve Buckley, Leslie Frei, Lisa Martinis, and Deb Spurrier
 - We have been supporting the children’s festival with our subcommittee as we continue on getting the native articles out. Please share the articles among agencies so that everyone within the IECC are being and they who we are. We had talked back in October about an article being on the pandemic and the response from Frederick County. Our vision for the next article is “The impact of COVID on local families with young children and how Frederick County community partners respond”. We have a systems navigator from MHA that will be able to give information for the article, Jennifer will get them in touch. Hopefully we will get started next week with the Frederick News Post.
- **Family Engagement: Marketing & Communication Plan:** Barbara May, Jen Russo, Pat Rosensteel, Nancy Boyd, Ula Slider, Christy Donnelly, Jessica Lertora, and Stacy Wantz
 - The marketing plan is in its draft stages authored by Diane DeMarco for the whole of the IECC. Currently working on the language and FrameWorks institute shared language and goals. It was decided, from a suggestion from Ula, that one of the goals is to find out what our families and parents really need by doing focus groups. Everyone is tired of doing surveys and we want to do something more personal and “face to face”. We will be drafting questions to give to our parents with these focus groups. Will be asking the IECC for participants to join the focus groups within our different groups to have a conversation for what the parents want and need from us. Then we can add the information to the Marketing Plan and see what we need to do as a group. Also, we can use the information and resources on the website.
- **Child Care Market Analysis:** Kathy Allen, Kim Seoni, Malcom Furgol, Pilar Olivo, Shelly Toms, Patty Morison, Diana Fulchiron, Shira Soloman, Katharine Long, and Terri Bickel, Claudia Hernandez
 - A three phase study approach:
 - First is quantitative: Landscape analysis and focus on childcare for children 0 to 4 highlighting gaps and disparities. For example, we have 18,000 children under the age of 5 and we have about 7,500 child care spots. There is clearly a mismatch for families. The need versus capacity and narrowing that gap.
 - Second is quantitative: Identifying the promise population were we would be able to look to having an impact on school readiness.
 - Third is a qualitative and quantitative: An inquiry to the promise population in order to understand their choices, what their quality of care would look like to them, and what barriers they face.

- Next steps are to move forward with the study. Many thanks to Shira for taking this plan that we have been wanting to do for years and implementing it.

Community Updates

- Patty Morrison: Children's Festival – We'd like to invite anyone on the IECC to join the meetings for the Children's Festival. They are at 12:00pm before our normal IECC meeting. Email Patty for more information. Additionally, we have come up with an alternative way to present the Festival and it will be virtual, but not necessarily meaning that families will be in front of a screen the whole time. More information at the next meeting.
- Malcolm: Vita Program – the Tax Program is open and ready, please share with everyone. Details and flyers in English and Spanish are available at the below website. Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.
 - <https://www.unitedwayfrederick.org/FreeTaxPrep>

Meeting Adjourned at 2:32pm.

Next meeting is February 4th, 2021 at 1:00pm