



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

August 6, 2020

Attendees: Shannon Aleshire, Kathy Allen, Jennifer Barker-Frey, Nancy Boyd, Leslie Frei, Malcolm Furgol, Robin Goetz, Colleen Guardia, Dr. James Lee, Jessica Lertora, Kathy Long, Barbara May, Jim Miller, Patty Morison, Darcy O'Daniel, Pat Quynn, Kelly Robbins, Emily Robinson, Pat Rosensteel, Ann Ryan, Kim Seoni, Janet Speak, Shelley Toms, Amy Tzorzinis, Katie Weishaar, Delaine Welch

Introductions were made welcoming Emily Robinson (Americorp) and Katie Weishaar (Celebree). Kelly Robbins is a new ECE Teacher Specialist in the restructured FCPS Early Childhood Dept. Congratulations to Barbara May for her new position as Director of Family Partnership beginning August 17.

Minutes were approved with the corrected spelling of Leslie Frei's name.

Sign-ups for minutes and presentations are on the Google Drive.

Kathy Allen sent out information from the state ECAC meeting, notes for our project groups, family engagement opportunities and the early care study of data done by JHU for Baltimore City ECAC. Please review her message dated August 5.

Pilar, unable to attend today sent the following ACE workgroup update. There will be no L&B funding available. Shelley stated there are no plans to restore that funding. \$5,000.00 has been designated for the Child Care Analysis. Next ACE workgroup meeting August 20 at 12:30 PM.

Kathy Allen shared the budget on the screen. Patty stated they have discussed waiting till spring for another Child Care Conference. The FNP article will be discussed in the breakout session.

Breakouts:

Native Content: Jim & Leslie

Series of articles:

Child Care crisis & how IECC is addressing it – fall

ACEs during COVID – winter

How Child Care providers build resiliency – spring

Leslie will contact FNP

Marketing & Communication Plan: Pat R., Jessica, Barb, Shelley, Darcy, Pat Q., Ann, Nancy

Pat R. put feelers out to several marketing firms for proposals to use the \$5,000.00 budgeted for messages to increase community awareness and branding of IECC. FCPS is the grant holder and will do the actual hiring. The start date is September 20 to have the strategy by October. Possibilities are Mail Chimp, SMORE and Constant Contact.

Kathy, Patty, Pilar & Malcolm met yesterday with some possible funders. Patty stated 71-74% of FC Child Care programs have reopened (57% statewide), most not at full capacity. Unknown: current capacity vs. prior to COVID.

Quote from Lady Gaga, “We are on the edge....of Glory.”

Child Care Market Analysis:

The group discussed the current crisis effect on the economy and productivity losses, applying to the Community Foundation for additional funding and checking with JHU to find out the possible cost.

Community Updates

FC Safe Babies Court Team: August 25-27 SBCT Conference

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tgS2sjrwhlj6cUF62P4f-Utab8kLE07K?usp=sharing>

IECC Google Drive link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0APctTaZWWy2nUk9PVA>

Leslie recommended everyone to allow school to start for several days and then send comments, questions or suggestions.

Malcolm announced new ALICE data coming out September 10. They are also looking at national data; reminded all about UW Stuff the Bus, sorting & distributing. The 2020 Census deadline is September 30 and promotional materials are available on request. The rfp for 2021 Unity Campaign is coming out soon.

Jim Miller announced Cheryl’s retirement. Kim Smith is now Acting Assistant Director of Services and Melissa Curtis-Cherry, Program Manager, In-Home Services. They continue with

virtual services which raises concerns regarding safety & welfare. If you suspect a problem, please call the hotline number.

Colleen announced Head Start will open with smaller capacity per site but still has spots available. The process of offering spots is slower via online & phone.

Shannon announced boxes of the 211 guides are available at MHA. Call to obtain.

Darcy announced Notable Progressions on Skye Stage:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/198421808010356/>

Kathy Allen announced a new Judy Center location at Butterfly Ridge ES.

Submitted by Nancy Boyd