



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

October 7, 2021

Attendees:

Jessica Lertora, Safe Baby Court Team – Co-Chair
Jen Russo, Judy Center at BRES
Robin Goetz, FCPL
Stacy Wantz, YMCA Head Start
Pat Rosensteel, COIPP
Colleen Guardia, YMCA Head Start
Cathy Florimbio, FCC Children’s Center
Ann Ryan, HACF
Pilar Olivo, FC Office for Children & Families
Leslie Frei, Early Childhood at FCPS
Nancy Boyd, Community Member
Kathy Allen, Early Childhood Education & Judy Centers, FCPS

Jennifer Barker-Frey, FC Office for Children & Families
Steve Buckley, FC Developmental Center
Diana Fulchiron, Community Foundation of Frederick County
Patty Morison, Child Care Choices, MHA
Janet Speak, MSDE Office of Child Care
Claudia Hernandez, FCPS Judy Center
Katharine Long, MSDE Office of Child Care
Ula Slider, Maryland Coalition of Families
Liran Laor, guest, Director at the University of Maryland Baltimore County

Meeting Commenced at 1:01 pm

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

Minutes – Pat Rosensteel motioned for a vote and was seconded by Robin Goetz. Unanimous.

Nominations for Family Engagement and Logic Model subcommittee co-chair(s) – Tabled for the next meeting.

ARPA Funding Letter – Jessica reviewed the letter. CE Gardner responded that she will take into consideration. No updates on next steps.

Child Care Conference (CCC) Update: *Patty Morison*. Date of the conference will be Nov 13. Limited to 110 people. Brochure went out today and will be circulated to the whole IECC after the meeting. Scholarships are available thanks to the Judy Center and Women’s Giving Circle. Conference will not be able to offer a hot lunch because of COVID. 6 breakout sessions are being offered.

James & D’Lisa Worthy are the keynote speakers. Topic will be “I can’t believe we’re still going through this.” Conference center is under construction so the keynote will be in the JBK Theater. Ellie Bentz is offering Calm and Cozy, how to regular so kids can. Michelle Stottlemeyer will be facilitating the Brain Architecture Game. Bunny –

your role as a quality team member – geared at Center Staff. Early Childhood Leadership Team for ECMH will address social emotional needs of children, parents, and staff in a pandemic. Lisa Gottlieb LCSW at MHA will share teaching strategies to be more present in your personal and professional life. Marcy – educational consultant – is offering Visual Communication tools – steps for easier learning. She was a 100 for a presentation. Soliciting exhibitors to set up in student union. Thanks to FCPS & Judy Center and ECAC – large number of goodies, books, fidget, including “Fill Your Cup” Tea Cup for all attendees. From 8:30am-4:30pm: 6 core knowledge and 1 professional activity unit.

ACEs Committee Update: *Pilar Olivo*. ACEs Workgroup followed the leadership of the IECC and sent a letter on ARPA funding to CE Gardner – offering a framework of ACEs prevention, intervention and treatment. Data analysis of public survey does show that the questions related to stress, parenting, and number of children do emerge as important. Results will be shared in January.

Community Health Needs Assessment Focus Groups – still recruiting for census tracts in Waverly/BRES

LECAC Grant Budget Updates: *Kathy Allen*. MSDE said funds cannot be used for Dolly Parton Imagination Library with LECAC Grant because considered a donation. We can purchase books for our members and distribute the books for family engagement activities. We can continue children who are in the program until they turn 5. Kathy missed the Community Foundation Impact Grant deadline. We need an ongoing source of funding. Diana Fulchiron suggested that rolling grants may be an option.

Maryland Early Childhood Leadership Program (MECLP) Program: *Liran Laor*. Director at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. See attached presentation.

200 respondents to their survey. Leadership white female, late career, well-educated. Leadership will be in transition. Difficult to access additional leadership skills.

MECLP trying to fill this gap between need for leadership development and the challenge of accessing leadership through traditional higher education routes. With diversity of race/ethnicity and geography. No tuition expense.

Master’s Level Coursework (Change and Public Policy Processes) & Community of Practice with mentoring, leadership in action, webinars and annual leadership institute

Core competencies include vision, creativity, people management, organizational capacity, results and outcomes, skills and values, public policy knowledge. Application opens in April. Add your name to this list to receive information about applying.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfKxcU9J2EZ5yqFk1bQKt71622GIEyclpHideh6ka34doM7w/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

Examples of capstone projects:

- Leslie Frei is working on a play-based capstone project. She really appreciated the networking opportunities.
- Project elevating family childhood providers to see themselves as business owners – researching shared services alliance. She joined the Maryland Boost project with Maryland Family Network.
- Bi-lingual early childhood center owner concerned that teachers struggle to earn a degree because of their English language level. So ability to earn degree in alternate language.
- Family Engagement – how can we make sure that families are engaged beyond preschool with transition to public school. Program starts participants in creating change they can accomplish in their community. Word of mouth is most effective recruiting tool.

Group Discussion:

- **Logic Model:**
 - to prep for next 3years/goal alignment to logic model. Scheduled a worktime to respond to the state's request for a logic model using IECC's existing strategic plan and logic models.
- **Family Engagement:**
 - Jen Russo wants a co-chair with marketing background. Pilar will follow up with Rick Weldon of the Chamber. She had made a request for a suggestion from him.
- **Child Care Market Analysis:**
 - Tabled for now.
- **FNP Native Content/Quiz:**
 - Can we create a quiz? Leslie Frei reviewed that some quiz revisions will be needed. Quiz will collect emails and cell numbers. Families indicated they prefer cell numbers but FNP experience is that people don't share cell phone numbers.

Community Updates

- Next meeting may be in person at MHA. Possible lunch.
- Pilar requested volunteers to play the Brain Architecture Game at the Oct 30 Health Fair.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:30pm

Next meeting is November 3, 2021 at 1:00pm