



*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**

11/4/21

#### **Attendees:**

1. Jessica Lertora, Frederick County Safe Babies Court Team Program– Co-Chair
2. Barbara May, Family Partnership – Co-Chair
3. Jen Russo, Judy Center at BRES
4. Stacy Wantz, YMCA Head Start
5. Colleen Guardia, YMCA Head Start
6. Pilar Olivo, FC Office for Children & Families
7. Leslie Frei, Early Childhood at FCPS
8. Nancy Boyd, Community Member
9. Kathy Allen, Early Childhood Education & Judy Centers, FCPS
10. Jennifer Barker-Frey, FC Office for Children & Families
11. Steve Buckley, FC Developmental Center
12. Patty Morison, Child Care Choices, MHA
13. Claudia Hernandez, FCPS Judy Center
14. Jim Miller, FC DSS
15. Christy Donnally, FCPS Early Childhood
16. Lisa Martinis, Arc of FC
17. Terry Kitchen, Community Member
18. Kelly Robins, FCPS Early Childhood
19. Shelly Toms, FC Office for Children & Families
20. Sarah Ford, FC Office for Children & Families
21. Robin Grove FC Child Advocacy Center

#### **Meeting Commenced at 1:01 pm**

**Introductions** – Barbara May led the group through introductions of new participants and the organizations that are represented in the meeting. This was the first hybrid meeting since the on-set of COVID.

**Minutes** – Colleen Guardia motioned for a vote and was seconded by Pilar Olivo. Unanimous.

#### **Nominations for Family Engagement and Logic Model subcommittee co-chair(s) –**

- Family Engagement – Pat Rosensteel was nominated. Motion by Jessica Lertora and seconded motion by Kathy Allen
- Logic Model – Diane Fulchiron was nominated. Motion by Barbara May and seconded by Patty Morison.

**ECAC Meeting Update** – Barbara May & Jessica Lertora.

Agenda:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UDfsZTiUpX7aeQ4\\_0RW\\_lbJdswv5aAFB/edit?usp=sharing&oid=107083232620420309595&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UDfsZTiUpX7aeQ4_0RW_lbJdswv5aAFB/edit?usp=sharing&oid=107083232620420309595&rtpof=true&sd=true)

Presentation: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1D6WusQq6JAq2DzKVfz6sEzTNjCLkdpZA/view?usp=sharing>

ECAC Blueprint Prek Questions: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yYbkgD\\_TW2k8JUi-ExQoMrOljt-47IED/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yYbkgD_TW2k8JUi-ExQoMrOljt-47IED/view?usp=sharing)

**Child Care Conference (CCC) Update:** *Patty Morison*. Event date is 11/13/21. 85 participants have signed-up, so they extended the deadline until 11/5/21, with the hope of getting closer to 100 participants. James & D’Lisa Worthy are the keynote speakers; Topic will be “I can’t believe we’re still going through this.”. Thanks again to FCPS & Judy Center and ECAC for a large number of goodies, books, fidgets, including “Fill Your Cup” Tea Cup for all attendees. CCC is from 8:30am-4:30pm: 6 core knowledge and 1 professional activity unit.

**ACEs Committee Update:** *Pilar Olivo*.

- Waiting for approval for Building Strong Families logo, planning on expanding the contract with Postern, to include contracted marketing and a short video. Planning to have this ready for April for the Month of the Youth Child to support service and return videos.
- Collaborate with Zero to Three to provide training for therapy providers in an evidence-based trauma model Child Parent Psychotherapy as an outcome.
- There will be a presentation to the County Council about the ARPA funding for Family Connects

**LECAC Grant Budget Updates:** Kathy Allen. As far as grant budget updates, everything is on track to spend out for this calendar year. New year’s funding will be in January, at the next meeting in Dec we talk more in detail about any changes or plans for the next fiscal year.

**Presentation Robin Grove of Child Advocacy Center on CAC services** – Robin Grove.

Link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QjBJ909jLyFy2sQ5GBMVwn8A5xOtnlqi/view?usp=sharing>

**Group Discussion:**

- **Logic Model:** Focusing on the state’s ready goal strategy one: which is to increase family awareness of available programs and services, and the importance of quality. This aligns with the goals 3 and 4 of the IECC’s strategic plan. It is in a rough draft stage but, hoping to have more of a solid draft in January. Currently setting-up meetings outside of the IECC to work on it more, more info to come.
- **Family Engagement:** Excited about the CCC, the IECC website is in workable progress and will need assistance with content. Hopefully will be able to show the group what progress has been made in an upcoming meeting. Also, the group has started meeting in-between the IECC meeting so that they have time outside of normal meeting time to talk about family engagement.
- **Child Care Market Analysis:** On Hold.
- **FNP Native Content/Quiz:** Still in process with the County Attorney’s office, working on the correct language for the contest. More updates soon.

**Community Updates**

- **Patty Morison** – Won the CCRC Grant award. Serving Frederick, Carol, Garrett, Washington, and Allegany County. Will be servicing all five counties for the network piece of MCCRN services.
- **Jen Russo/Kathy Allen** – Excited to announce that Butterfly Ridge is hosting their first in-person family engagement night, and they had to stop registrations because there was so much interest, 50 families will be attending. They will be providing information, bed-time goody bags, and a full pizza to each family to take home.
- **Pilar Olivo** – Health Care Coalition, there will be a public input event on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 2pm to 4pm virtual. They will be identifying 5 priorities before the event, the event will be

a discussion for input for those priorities, and then the board will then decide which of the 5 to focus on at a subsequent meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:34pm**

**Next meeting is December 2, 2021 at 1:00pm**