



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

12/2/21

Attendees:

1. Barbara May, Family Partnership – Co-Chair
2. Jen Russo, Judy Center at BRES
3. Colleen Guardia, YMCA Head Start
4. Pilar Olivo, FC Office for Children & Families
5. Leslie Frei, Early Childhood at FCPS
6. Nancy Boyd, Community Member
7. Steve Buckley, FC Developmental Center
8. Sarah Martin, Child Care Choices, MHA
9. Claudia Hernandez, FCPS Judy Center
10. Jim Miller, FC DSS
11. Christy Donnally, FCPS Early Childhood
12. Lisa Martinis, Arc of FC
13. Kelly Robins, FCPS Early Childhood
14. Shelly Toms, FC Office for Children & Families
15. Sarah Ford, FC Office for Children & Families
16. Diana Fulchiron, Community Foundation of FC
17. Ginny Simoneau, Children's Center of Walkersville
18. Holly Sontz – Judy Center
19. Kevin Cuppett, Executive Director FCPS
20. Kim Seoni, Meadows Montessori
21. Pat Rosensteel, COIPP
22. Rorie Cox-Steib, FCPL
23. Erin Gambrill, FCPL
24. Samantha Carter, Child Care Choices, MHA
25. Delaine Welch, Early Childhood Education

Meeting Commenced at 1:03 pm

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

Minutes: Diana Fulchiron motioned for a vote and was seconded by Leslie Frei. Unanimous.

Child Care Conference recap and Children's Festival preview: Sarah Martin.

- CCRC update: Child Care Choices, a program of the Mental Health Association was awarded the grant to operate a child care resource center in Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington counties. At this time, APPLES for Children has decided to continue operating for as long as they can to provide training and early childhood mental health services. Please reach out to Patty if you are able to provide any ideas or suggestions to aid them, or if there is a space that could be utilized, like a small office, a small resource room, or either a training room or opportunities to connect with partners to utilize their training space.

- Learning Day Update: 93 child care providers registered for the Learning Day 2021: Resilience- Personal and Professional Tools for these Extraordinary Times. Providers heard a motivating Keynote Address from husband and wife duo, James and D’Lisa Worthy. Providers were thrilled to be in the room with other professionals and the energy was palpable. Comments included: “Thank you so much for doing this conference in person, it was so nice to actually network with people!”, “This keynote was just what I needed to hear!”, “I am walking away with so many strategies and tools to actually use in my classroom-thank you!” In addition to 6 Core of Knowledge hours, providers received a Professional Activity Unit for the Maryland Child Care Credential as well as a bag filled with books and materials to use in their programs. Another item was a tea mug and bag, reminding them to take care of themselves as well!
- The Annual Children’s Festival in Baker Park. It is scheduled for OUTSIDE in Baker Park on Saturday, April 30th from 10am-3pm. Patty will attend the Dec. 14th Parks and Rec meeting to ask for the usual support and fee waivers. As you know, the IECC sponsors this event along with CCC and the City of Frederick. I am asking for support with our Children’s Festival committee which will meet four times in January-April on the same day as IECC but at 12pm. Patty will send an email invitation out at the beginning of the year.

ACEs Committee Update: Pilar Olivo.

- After a year of prep and contracting, the Building Strong Family’s logo has been approved. The IECC, ACEs Workgroup, and partners will be able to use it to promote resilience focused services and information for our communities and families.
- Health Care Coalition – Here is the link to sign up to be a facilitator for the Frederick County Health Priorities-Public Input Session to be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 2-4 pm: Facilitator Signup Link - The Public Input Session will be held in a virtual format (Zoom) and so we have no limit on the number of attendees and hope to get a large turnout. That said, we will need many facilitators who can guide the small breakout group discussions. If you are available, we would really appreciate your help to facilitate those small groups. The event is from 2-4PM and the breakout sessions will last from 30-35 minutes. During these sessions your group will discuss one of the priority public health topics discussed and answer four questions. We will provide a virtual training for facilitators closer to the event.

Here's a quick overview of your role: As facilitator, you will introduce yourself and take note of your group's answers to these questions (the questions will be shared with all attendees immediately)

- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSet2g9Uiw8GVshTehKW74TRCo7egK6y9Qo0XfxD_I_Owk_enNw/viewform

Presentation: Kevin Cuppett, Executive Director for Curriculum and Instruction at FCPS.

Link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-rPsHQCIHORAMHiONYNzHwtaXv7Jsx5H/view?usp=sharing>

LECAC Grant Budget updates and ideas: Barbara May.

- Will be shifting some funds into the next year in order to fund some of the bigger projects that are being looked into. There was approx. \$8K underspent, because of the delays with the FNP contests and the Child Care Market Analysis costing less than anticipated, among other line items. Please let us know if you have any ideas or thoughts of what we could do with the remaining funds as we enter the new fiscal year.

Group Discussion:

- **Logic Model:** Diana Fulchiron. The logic model group has set-up additional meetings to continue their work, next meeting is Tues Dec 14th at 12pm. They will be focusing on outreach and awareness activities of the IECC and using existing ACEs workgroup and IECC to guidance for the process. Deadline of when

this needs to be completed and ready is by February 1st, 2022. At the next IECC meeting the plan is to only focus on the Logic Model, instead of individual breakout rooms.

- **Family Engagement:** Jen Russo & Pat Rosensteel. They are looking into extending the Postern contract to include additional money in order to work on the infographic and a video for three different audiences, to stay within FrameWorks. The IECC website is coming along but will need additional content and potentially contracting out to have sections written.
- **Child Care Market Analysis:** On Hold.
- **FNP Native Content/Quiz:** On Hold.

Community Updates:

- Rorie Cox-Steib introduced us to our new contact with the FCPL, Erin Gambrell. She will be attending the meetings from now on.
- Shelly Toms – OCF & CAC will be hosting a presentation about “Predict-Align-Prevent” on Jan 26th 9am to 10:30am. For more information, please reach out to Shelly Toms.
To Register: <https://predict-align-prevent-2021.eventbrite.com>
- Barbara May – Family Partnerships has two positions open, please share with your networks and to apply, please follow these links:
 - <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/frederickmd/jobs/3263933/child-development-assistant-part-time>
 - <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/frederickmd/jobs/3355226/child-development-supervisor>

Meeting Adjourned at 2:20PM

Next meeting is January 6, 2021 at 1:00pm