



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

March 3, 2022

Attendees:

1. Barbara May, Family Partnership – Co-Chair
2. Jessica Lertora, Frederick County Safe Babies Court Team Program– Co-Chair
3. Jen Russo, Judy Center at BRES
4. Colleen Guardia, YMCA Head Start
5. Pilar Olivo, FC Office for Children & Families
6. Nancy Boyd, Community Member
7. Claudia Hernandez, FCPS Judy Center
8. Jim Miller, FC DSS
9. Patty Morison, Child Care Choices, MHA
10. Lisa Martinis, Arc of FC
11. Leslie Barnes-Keating, FC CSD
12. Shelly Toms, FC Office for Children & Families
13. Sarah Ford, FC Office for Children & Families
14. Jennifer Barker-Frey, FC Office for Children & Families
15. Holly Sontz – Judy Center
16. Pat Rosensteel, COIPP
17. Erin Gambrill, FCPL
18. Katharine Long, MSDE Office of Child Care
19. Ellie Bentz, Dagenhart and Associates
20. Kathy Allen, Early Childhood Education & Judy Centers, FCPS
21. Christy Donnelly, Early Childhood Education, FCPS
22. Delaine Welch, Early Childhood Education
23. Steve Buckley, FC Developmental Center
24. Ula Slider, Maryland Coalition of Families

Meeting Commenced at 1:02 pm

Introductions: Barbara May 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 Delaine Welch. Unanimous.

FY23 IECC Co-Chair: Barbara May. She will be stepping down as co-chair in the Fall and a new co-chair will need to be voted on in June. Chairs must be from one of the representatives from the LMB, this can include the Health Dept, FCPS, COIPP, Head Start, DSS, Family Partnership, the Housing Authority, etc. IF you are interested please contact Barbara.

CCC announcements: Patty Morison. The Children's Festival is coming along and planning is in full swing. Right now it will be held in the park and if it rains it will be in held in the Tally Rec Center. The sound system is currently being refurbished and estimated to be complete by March 30, 2022. However, the Festival still needs support and are looking for more activity vendors for the Festival as well as volunteers or new committee members to assistance during the festival. Lastly, they are in search of an MC for the band shell. If interested or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Patty.

ACEs Committee update: Pilar Olivo. ACEs Adverse Childhood Experiences in Adolescence has been identified as a priority for health planning for the next 3-year cycle. They had a meeting to do a data review and identified what information they can use. Some areas include the Community Needs Assessment and Focus Groups; African-American woman of child baring age, Latina women, seniors, and families near the Waverly school area. They will be doing another logic model training to refresh and relook at the model that was developed in 2019. Planning on making updates for activities and outcomes/impacts that are envisioned for our communities. The County Executive announced that the Health Care Coalition will receive dollar to dollar funding up to \$300,000 to provide staff support and \$300,000 for three workgroups to implement in the next three years, with ARPA funding.

Logic Model presentation: Logic Model is complete, Jessica Lertora summarized the changes and will submit to the state.

- Pilar Olivo motioned for a vote and was seconded by Kathy Allen to adopt the logic model as amended. Unanimous.
- Link: <https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/337216/Maryland-Ready-Logic-Model-working-template-edited-03012022>

Maryland Coalition of Families: Ula Slider. Maryland Coalition of Families (MCF) is a state-wide nonprofit dedicated to connecting, supporting and empowering families who are experiencing behavioral health challenges. We also advocate to improve services and systems that impact individuals with behavioral health challenges and to reduce stigma related to behavioral. For more information please contact Ula or visit: www.mdcoalition.org

Budget and Project Updates: Just finalized the year-end report for year 2 and it has been submitted to MSDE. The amendment for year 3 has adjustments for the Strategic Communications Consultant and promotional items for the Children's Festival. It will go before the superintendent and be approved at the next board meeting on March 23, 2022. The promotional items for the Children's Festival can include early learning supplies and/or materials as well as copies or materials for the Childcare Conference.

Family Engagement/Native Content/FNP: The County Attorney's Office and Risk Management have signed off on the final template for the FNP Contest for the IECC Quiz. We have the contest rules and affidavit for winners to sign. We can move forward with the contest and fill-in the templates as needed.

Subgroup Selection: New subgroups are necessary since the nature of the groups have either closed/been completed, or on hold, or just need updates. It was suggested to look at the current strategic goals from the IECC and it was determined to have the following sub-groups:

1. Family Engagement/Native Content/FNP
2. Child Care Initiative
3. Relationship building with Businesses

Networking:

Jim Miller –

- The Department of Social Services (DSS) has been selected for a pilot program called, “Center for Excellence in Resource Family Foster Parent Development”. This program will recruit and retain foster parents that will support the reunification process. They are inviting the community to join current families involved in foster care and experts to educate about what’s happening in Frederick County and to help DSS “KICK OFF” activities that will lead to Keeping Kids in Frederick and supporting Frederick families to thrive. The presentation is called “Change My Life Story” and the event takes place on Thu, March 10, 2022 from 6PM to 8PM. Register at [keepingkidsinfrederick.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/keepingkidsinfrederick).
- Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Team Direct Line Meeting. Once a month with providers to discuss substance abuse and the impact on those children and families. Next meeting is March 24, 2022 at 2pm if you want to join or be on the mailing list, please contact Jim Miller at Jim.miller@maryland.gov.

Jessica Lertora – Safe Babies Court Team looking for folks to join the Active Community Team Meeting every 1st Friday of the month from 8:15-9:15am, bring your favorite beverage/breakfast and join us! You can email Jessica for the Zoom link (JLertora@zerotothree.org) March is also Social Work Month! Please spread the love to them/us!

Kathy Allen – FCPS Pre-K applications for the fall of 2022: Enrollment/application tentatively starting April 1, 2022 still waiting for the final approval. Please check the FCPS website to apply.

Erin Gambrell – The library is back to outdoor programming for March, all branches have some sort of outdoor activity. There has not been any official word yet about indoor programming, County buildings are set to open April 4, 2022. They are exploring capacity issues, PPE, etc. Please check the FCPL website for official details when they are released.

Barbara May – Glad to announce that come February 28, 2022 Family Partnership is back to in-person services.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:27 PM

Next meeting is April 7, 2022 at 1:00pm