



Pulling Together for the Children of Frederick County

Frederick County Interagency Early Childhood Committee
A Subcommittee of the Local Management Board
MHA Community Services Wing
Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2018

Present: Kathy Allen, Jennifer Barker-Frey, Nancy Boyd, David Brewster, Steve Buckley, Natalie Cioffi, Melissa Desmond, Leslie Frei, Colleen Guardia, Martha Guzrick, Dr. James Lee, Kathy Long, Barbara may, Patty Morison, Cathy Nusbaum, Darcy O'Daniel, Ginny Simoneau, Shelly Toms, Amy Tzortzinis, Janet Vogel

Meeting Minutes Recorder: Leslie Frei

Welcome and Introductions: Janet Vogel and Kathy Allen

Review and Approval of Minutes: – All

- a. Cathy Nusbaum made a motion to approve the minutes and Colleen Guardia seconded the motion. All in attendance approved by unanimous vote.

Announcements: Patty Morison shared that Ginny Simonau from Walkersville Frederick Children's Center will receive the Governor's Volunteer Service Award for Lifetime Achievement this year.

Review of Subcommittee Minutes:

1. Advocacy – Martha Guzrick
2. Education - Cathy Nusbaum
3. Parent Engagement – Natalie Cioffi
4. ACEs



Networking

- Frederick Community Health Fair is Oct 27th 8-3pm at Frederick Fairgrounds
- Shelly Toms shared "Empowering Mothers and Responsible Fathers" for non-custodial parents with children up to 12 held on Tuesday evenings.
- United Way grants window runs from Oct. 1st – 31st
- Community Forum on Bullying next Thursday (Oct. 11th) at Walkersville Public Library from 6:30-8:00pm. Malcolm Furgol is facilitating.

- Shelly Aloï shared “Stand for the Silent” on November 19th at Frederick High School. There will be a guest speaker that lost his 11 year old son due to bullying. Event sponsored by FCPS, FPD, local Clergy

Presentation: Shelly Aloï from Marriage Resource Center.

- Started in 2005 in faith community with pastors. Concerned with divorce rate – same inside and outside of church. Marriage savers was started.
- Couple to couple mentoring. Used volunteer couples that mentored other couples in relationship skills. Prepare Enrich (organization) is 35 years old and is used to get a snapshot in time of a relationship.
- Approx 3 ½ years ago, Chris Bugher brought along a programming piece. Relationship Attachment models used: “How to avoid falling for a jerk or jerk-ette” and the other one is “Families Stepping up to the Plate.”
- Shared R.A.M. Relationship Attachment Model. Build resilience through this program. Used throughout agencies supporting women, homeless children.
- RAM teaches healthy relationships using the following sequence:
 1. Know
 2. Trust
 3. Rely
 4. Commit
 5. Touch
- Shelly would like members of IECC to share this model throughout agencies.
- The programs are 5 weeks?
- The founding organization is faith-based but the messaging is not.

Subcommittee Minutes:

Education Subcommittee

Goal: Build the capacity of childcare providers and early childhood teachers to promote and increase academic and school success.

Members: Kathy Allen, Janet Vogel, Darcy O’Daniel, Patty Morrison, Ginny Simoneau

Co-Chairs: Cathy Nusbaum, Leslie Frei

Business Liaisons: Ginny Simoneau, Darcy O’Daniel

- Discussed questions on PDG grant questionnaire. Discussed an awareness campaign for parents/businesses so they understand and are aware of programs for B-5 and how to support families in securing childcare
- Collaboration with EC providers that would receive books, gifts. Would in turn provide slots for children.
- Offering businesses training/gifts for support for families in purchasing childcare
- Ready Rosie is up to 1587 users
- Exploring ways to provide behavioral supports for children after parents are screened for ACEs

Family & Community Engagement Subcommittee

Members: Natalie Cioffi, Leslie Barnes-Keating, Amy Tzortzinis, Maria Herrera, Terri Ridenour, Colleen Guardia, Shelly Toms, James Miller, Nancy Boyd

Chair/Co-Chairs: Natalie Cioffi, Leslie Barnes-Keating

Business Liason: Leslie Barnes-Keating

- Natalie shared the group took a different direction this month. They took time to share what different agencies offer. Next meeting they will work to join each other's agencies events.
 - SSCM (Spanish Speaking Community of Maryland, Inc.):
 - Provides parents direct access to immigration benefits through "Critical Needs Partnership" with FCPS
 - Obtains Visas for victims of domestic violence, sex trafficking, and other forms of abuse and neglect
 - Holds parent forums and attends school functions to educate low-income international families on their rights and options to be able to live a successful self-sufficient life in Frederick County
 - FCPS Inclusive Pre-K
 - Offer 3 year-old program at Hillcrest Elementary
 - Friday and evening parent engagement opportunities
 - Library event coming up Nov. 28th (partnering non-profits to join)
More info forthcoming.
 - DSS
 - Offers direct services to families with children dealing with child abuse or neglect.
 - Provide support for new caregivers.
 - Asian American Center
 - Provide professional interpreters
 - Provide English classes
 - Conduct a free monthly baby shower
 - New program "Across Ages" at West Frederick Middle School
 - Frederick County Pediatrics
 - 0-PK screenings
 - Working on finding a way to connect parents with pediatric care
 - Family Partnership
 - GED programs
 - ESL programs
 - Employment help (resume writing)
 - Child development to help children become ready for school
 - Childcare assistance
 - YMCA
 - Head Start Program (ages 3-4)
 - A variety of programs included family visit day and Grandparents day
- Action Steps:
 - Between now and the next IECC meeting, organizations in sub-committee will invite supporting organizations to events to strengthen partnerships

and spread the collaboration! It is a focus of this subcommittee to engage the international community as it has grown by 30% over the last 3 years.

- Colleen shared information about the Parent Café Facilitator Training Institute on Nov13-14 9:00am-4:30pm. At this time, approximately half the slots were filled. Target 40 attendees. MD Family Network will provide training and want numbers by Oct. 19th
- Kathy Allen asked if PTA members can be a part of the training - yes

Advocacy Subcommittee

Members Present: Martha Gurzick, Dr. James Lee, Barbara May

- Provided IECC Chairs with recommendations for completing the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) Survey from MSDE.
- Discussed possible advocacy items for group consideration:
 - Quality and affordable daycare
 - Universal home visiting
 - Early intervention pays off (prove it)
- Recommended Resources group should look at
- Ready at 5 - <https://www.readyatfive.org/>
- Boston Basics - <http://boston.thebasics.org/>

Consider possible follow up meeting with group prior to Nov. 1st IECC meeting, Ann will reach out.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:33pm

Next Meeting – Thursday, November 1, 2018

Minutes Recorder – Pilar Olivo

Presentation – Darcy O’Daniel, Noteable Progressions

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