



*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*  
MHA Community Services Wing  
**Meeting Minutes**

December 6, 2018

**Present:**

Shannon Aleshire, Mental Health Association of Frederick County; Kathy Allen, FCPS Judy Center; Jennifer Ancruem, Center for Achievement; Frederick County Office for Children and Families; Leslie Barnes-Keating, Frederick County Office for Children and Families; Natalie Cioffi, Spanish Speaking Community of Maryland; Barbara Dillon, Blessings in a Backpack; Charles Galloway III, Center for Achievement; Leslie Frei, FCPS Early Childhood; Diana Fuchiron, Community Foundation of Frederick; Malcolm Furgol, United Way of Frederick County; Colleen Guardia, YMCA Head Start; Keri Ann Henson, FCPS Homeless Education Program; Lisa Jarboe, Infants and Toddlers Program; Dr. James Lee, Frederick County Pediatrics; Kathy Long, MSDE Office of Child Care; Barbara May, Mental Health Association of Frederick County; Patty Morison, Child Care Choices, Mental Health Association of Frederick County; Darcy O’Daniel, Noteable Progressions; Pat Rosensteel, Children of Incarcerated Parents Program (COIPP); Ann Ryan, Housing Authority; Ginny Simoneau, Children’s Center of Walkersville; Jolena Simoneau, Children’s Center of Walkersville; Shelly Toms, Family Partnership; Janet Vogel, Frederick County Public Libraries; Delaine Welch, Frederick Community College

**Meeting Minutes Recorder: Patty Morison**

**Welcome & Introductions:** Janet Vogel opened the meeting at 1:05 pm. Attendees introduced themselves.

**Review and Approval of Minutes**

Barbara May made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Leslie Barnes-Keating was the second. Motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

***Pilar Olivo sent a ACEs Workgroup update***

The LHIP is in the process of planning the Priority Setting Summit. The date is January 15, 2019 from 8:30am-2:00pm at the ARC. Snow date is January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Presentation: Malcolm Furgol, United Way of Frederick County**

Janet Vogel introduced Malcolm who presented the ALICE Report -Released 2018 (2016 data)

The Household Survival Budget for Frederick County gives the cost of housing, child care, food, transportation, and health care at the bare-minimum “survival” level. It does not include any savings, leaving households without a cushion for unexpected expenses and unable to invest in the future. Yet even this minimal budget was much high than the adjusted Federal Poverty Level of \$11,880 for a single adult and \$24,300 for a family of four in 2016.

Housing burden data is important it has jumped to 49% over half of renters in Frederick County are paying more than 30% in rent.

Overall, the race and ethnicity of Frederick County ALICE households fairly closely mirrors that of the total population.

ALICE households are found in every city and town in Frederick County. However, the data indicate that ALICE households are concentrated in rural communities and the City of Frederick.

Shannon asked if the Latino population under represented since we are using 2010 census data. Malcolm said that the rural population is actually more underrepresented than Latino. Census for 2020 has a citizen question. Promoting census participation is one of United Way's activities and working with non profits on how to work with those populations to encourage accurate census reporting.

Ginny suggested a place in the report for people who are caring for children and what those wages are. Perhaps look at the Kirwan Commission and what Montgomery County is doing.

Shannon asked this if there was any anecdotal information from ALICE. Is the impact being at the ALICE level different for those in rural or urban areas. Malcolm indicated that there is some narrative about that in the full report.

Dr. Lee asked if there was any data on grandparents who take care of grandkids. Not in ALICE but Shannon said she thinks it is in American Community Survey. Dr. Lee very interested in doing a parent cafe for that demographic. Data shows that 3.9 percent of households are grandparents who are raising children and that is below the national average. Natalie feels that is way under reported

Ann asked if, nationally, there are any communities that have a very small gap and is there anything that would be interesting to us? Malcolm said that some other states made inroads addressing gaps, finding employers who will publicly say they are looking at ALICE report in relation to wages. The need for higher skilled positions to then have schools have a training apprentice program separate from college prepared jobs.

Figure out overlap between ALICE and aces and what those communities who have done that and what the results are. United way of Frederick County is a leader in connecting aces with ALICE.

Two of the most direct ways The ALICE Report helps to inform the work of the United Way of Frederick County are advocacy and strategic planning. You can find more information here: <https://www.unitedwayfrederick.org/advocate> and <https://www.unitedwayfrederick.org/GamePlan>

The complete report can be found here: <https://www.unitedwayfrederick.org/ALICE>  
Additional info should be released for county and city by mid January.

**Review of subcommittee meetings from November meeting and is in the minutes. Other subcommittee updates:**

***Education Subcommittee, Leslie Frei reported***

Leslie shared ReadyRosie data-now 1786 parents are enrolled. There are also 175 families involved in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. KRA data is just coming in from the state and Frederick is now 4<sup>th</sup> in the state, having moved up to 59% overall from 56% last year. More information to come in January.

***Advocacy, Ann Ryan reported***

Will keep discussion going on advocacy. The group is debating changing name to strategic planning. Also up for discussion, how to get behavior health specialists into doctors' offices as well as parent education for ACE identification

## **Family and Community Engagement Subcommittee, Leslie Barnes-Keating reported**

Revised goal statement. *Co-create opportunities with all families to increase continuous, positive engagement for school readiness, resilience and success, resulting in stronger families.*

### **Networking**

- Judy center just got another donation of coats, smaller sizes. PNC donated those and has some extra so let Kathy know. They also have a large donation of pajamas.
- COIPP is collecting coats for Christmas so they could use those coats from the Judy Center and the ones at MHA.
- Shelley mentioned that Margaret Williams of Maryland Family Network will provide a presentation on the work of the Kirwan Commission if we would like. The group agreed, yes, they would like a presentation. Shelley will follow up with Margaret Williams.
- Buffalo Wild Wings on Rt. 26 fundraiser tonight for Family Partnership.
- Patty mentioned that the Annual Children's Festival in Baker Park is April 27, 2019 and this is the 30<sup>th</sup> year. IECC co-sponsors this free event geared to children, ages 2-5, and their families. Anyone wishing to serve on the committee should attend the first Children's Festival Meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon at MHA, it will finish in time for the IECC meeting at 1:00pm.
- Patty will send out a doodle poll to the IECC for those who may be interested in a screening of the Resilience Film. This could be open to staff and board members as well.
- Malcolm is having another baby due in May.
- Malcolm distributed United in Kindness FAQ for how to advocate for your child if they are experiencing bullying in FCPS. Are these going out through FCPS? United Way is sending it electronically to counselors but cannot guarantee that they are going out to all. Also defines what is bullying and what is not. It also references 211.
- January is another United Way Grant cycle.
- COIPP silent auction was very successful. Close to 200 people McClintock Distillery donated space
- Library, winter programming is out. Holiday programs-all programs not just Christmas. Visit [fcpl.org/hello](http://fcpl.org/hello) for a complete list.
- Leslie Barnes-Keating mentioned a grant from the CDC. CDC has announced a funding opportunity for state and territorial "ambassadors" for its *Learn the Signs. Act Early.* Program. Leslie will send the link to IECC.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm.**

**Next Meeting – Thursday, January 3, 2019**

*Minutes Recorder – Shannon Aleshire*

*Presentation – Colleen Guardia, Frederick County YMCA Head Start*