



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 3, 2019

Present: David Brewster, Steve Buckley, Leslie Frei, Diana Fulchiron, Malcolm Furgol, Colleen Guardia, Dr. James Lee, Patty Morison, Cathy Nusbaum, Pilar Olivo, Terri Ridenour, Brooke Sims, Janet Speak, Amy Tzortzinis, Janet Vogel, Stacy Wantz, Delaine Welch

Special Guest, Jessica Gregg, from *Frederick's Child*, postponed. Jessica is a representative from Mid-Atlantic Media, LLC, the new owners of *Frederick's Child*. They are interested in learning more about the IECC and have been impressed with the writing skills of those from the IECC who have contributed articles to *Frederick's Child* in the past.

Review and approval of Minutes from September 5 meeting – Janet noted correction needed: “Agenda” to read “Minutes”. Dave B. noted correction needed: “Substance Abuse and Recovery Team” to read “Substance Use Treatment And Recovery Team”. Dave B. made a motion to adopt the minutes with the changes; Pilar O. seconded the motion, there was no discussion, and all approved

Delaine Welch, Assistant Professor at Frederick Community College, presented information on the **Childcare Professional Development Fund Grant (CCCPDF)**. CCCPDF is tuition assistance program for child care providers to obtain a college education at participating colleges/universities in Maryland. Funding is available for child care providers to earn a college degree in the following areas: Early Childhood Education, Child Development, Elementary Education, Special Education. Funding for the program is provided through the Maryland State Department of Education. Colleges and universities must opt in to program. All applications for assistance must be vetted by CCCPDF program manager at college/university of attendance. Delaine is point of contact for FCC students. More information can be found here: <https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/child-care-providers/office-child-care/credentialing-branch/child-care-career-and-professional>

ACEs Update: Pilar Olivo

ACEs workgroup is coordinating the “Implementing an ACES Screening Program” workshop for organizations seeking information and best practices on how to structure and develop ACES screening protocol. Workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 20, from 7:30am-11:30am, in the conference room of the Crestwood Medical Center. Registration is not yet open but will be \$15 to attend. Registrations will be administered through United Way’s event registration portal. Pilar has submitted for Continuing Education Units. More details to follow.

Preschool Development Grant Update:

- We Design: Applying 21st Century Science to Improve Outcomes for Children - IECC Community Summit featuring Harvard Center for the Developing Child (10/22): Pilar Olivo
 - Scholarships are available. If you have registered already but need scholarship, please contact Pilar for potential reimbursement of costs.
 - Ways to support event:
 - Let Janet know if you have played the Brain Architecture Game and would be willing to be assigned a table to help guide/explain
 - Let Janet know if you are available the afternoon of October 18 to help with last minute logistics (labeling folders, making packets, etc.).
 - Let Janet know if you would be available on the day of the event to help with various tasks
- Childcare Provider Conference (11/2): Patty Morison
 - Slower registration than anticipated. Will be pushing registration on various platforms over next several weeks.
 - 10-12 vendors will be participating at venue
 - Volunteers needed at following times to help with the childcare provider mindfulness training sessions. Please let Janet know if you are available for any of the following:
 - Sat, 11/9, 8:30am-11:15am, at the Walkersville Library
 - Sat, 12/7, 8:30am-12:30pm, at the Bernard Brown Center
- Strategic Planning Update: Janet Vogel
 - Next IECC meeting will be a strategic planning session, 8:30am-3:00pm, at the Mental Health Association. Please attend for as much of the day as you are able.

Pritzker Grant Team Update:

The main goal of the grant team is still to increase numbers served and quality in each of the identified program strategies. The three targeted areas are infant/toddler care, home visiting programs, and mental health services. Discussion centered around how to fine tune the draft documents.

Pat (as our representative) brought up the idea of including some ACEs strategies in the mental health area (e.g., awareness, screening, mitigation), but Pritzker will only count "children served" if they are already in services, so that would not be able to be included at this time.

Networking

- Pilar – the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) received funding to continue Shelly's mindfulness work with local elementary schools. Will be expanding to include schools with highest rates of Handle With Care calls.
- Malcolm
 - October 4th – United Way Day of Action. A record 500 people will be providing services throughout the community.
 - Complete Census Count Committee – join in the fun! See Malcolm for details.

- Live United Grants will be available in January and April. RFP opens January 1. Questions available now. Please talk to Malcolm if you have questions or ideas about potential applications.
- Multi-year grant applications will be coming towards the end of 2020. Stay tuned.
- Unity Campaign update – saw continued growth this year. Number of donors grew by 25% and total raised was ~\$600,000.
- Janet – the library has adopted policy that children's materials will no longer accrue any late fees. Visit fcpl.org/rediscover for complete details. Library has also been in conversation about expanding services in the west end of Frederick. Anyone interested in supporting this could comment on the City of Frederick's Strategic Plan while the public comment period is open.
- Amy – Frederick County Pediatrics will be hosting a LCSW student from Salisbury for two days per week this coming year through a BHIP program (Behavioral Health Integrated into Pediatric Services). Student will be available two days per week. Practice is looking for ways to integrate student into their services and to promote her services. Services will be provided free of charge.

Next Meeting – December 5, 2019 1 p.m.

Minute Recorder – Shannon Aleshire

Presentation – Leslie Frei, FCPS Early Childhood Education and Patty Morison, MHA/Child Care Choices