



*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**

June 6, 2019

**Present:** Nancy Boyd, Barbara Dillon, Leslie Frei, Diana Fulchiron, Colleen Guardia, Maria Herrera, Dr. Lee, Barbara May, Darcy O'Daniel, Ginny Simoneau, Janet Speak, Shelly Toms, Amy Tzortzinis, Janet Vogel, Delaine Welch, Jim Miller, Pilar Olivo, Ann Ryan

**Meeting Minutes Recorder:** Leslie Frei (because Shelly was late) and Shelly Toms

**Welcome and Introductions:** Janet Vogel opened the meeting at 1:03. Attendees introduced themselves.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** Delaine Welch made a motion to approve, Dr. Lee seconded the motion. All were in favor with no corrections.

**Meeting Minute & Presentation Sign Up for 2019-2020:** was passed around for members to sign up.

**Canceling of July Meeting:** Was discussed by the group and it was voted on to cancel the July meeting.

**Presentation – Maria Herrera, Spanish Speaking Community of Maryland, Inc.:**

Maria shared that SSCM has been in Frederick for almost 2 years. They opened in Frederick because of the number of clients they were seeing in Silver Springs from the Frederick area. The goal of SSCM is to have their clients be self-sufficient. Maria showed a video to share a little bit about what they do. Maria will share the video with Janet to send to IECC members. Maria shared they recently received \$194,000 from The Ausherman Foundation. SJI (special juvenile immigration status) applies to all children. These funds will be used to help children with legal expenses who fled their country. The families will be able to take advantage of legal services at a reduced cost. The cost of immigration services at SSCM depends on the situation, however they do sliding scale as well if a family can't afford a legal service. There is no cost for transportation, case management, health care, nutrition, etc. SSCM gets a lot of their referrals from guidance counselors, social workers, and teachers. SSCM serves more than just the Spanish speaking community. Maria will email the flyer and other information to Janet to share with IECC. Maria's contact information is: 202-445-2322.

**Presentation & ACEs Workgroup Update: Core Stories – Pilar Olivo:**

Next week the group will be completing 2 logic models – overview of ACES broadly and the other one has to do with a screening for ACEs. These will be shared with health professionals through FMH. The ACEs workgroup will have an opportunity to apply for a \$20,000 grant through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Pilar shared the core stories video which discussed how to discuss children's issues with the community as well as how we can apply in our own work. The video was from the Alberta Family Wellness Organization and it was called "Strategic Communications & the Swamp of Public Thinking". The core

story is a common set of elements organized as story, responsive and flexible, and empirically tested. The video discussed how to engage with the audience and to answer these questions: why should I care; how does it work; what develops; What disrupts development; and what can be done. The speaker discussed that we need to displace what the audience is thinking and replace with important points that we want them to know.

Pilar showed a Power Point titled: Using Communication Science to Talk About Children's Issues. The speaker should organize their message in the following way: **Orientation** - focuses on the values (what people in general want for their community). Research shows that people care/value prosperity and ingenuity; **Main Plot** – Brain Architecture, Serve & Return; **Complicating Action** – Toxic stress (describing positive stress, tolerable stress, toxic stress); **Evaluation** - Pay now or pay later (with Health), return on investment; **Resolution** – solution (your program solution or what you are doing). Pilar developed a core story for the Child Advocacy Center. We can use the same kind of language. Pilar shared graphs from FrameWorks Institute on how to frame conversations and what can be most influential. Pilar will share the Power Point and graphs with the IECC.

#### **0-5 Grant Update: Janet Vogel –**

Janet updated the group on the preschool development grant. Application was submitted and we will be notified by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the funding. The funding priorities were for 1) strategic planning, 2) a conference for child care providers – Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at FCC, space for 115 attendees, Frank Kros from upside Down Organization will be the keynote and break-out sessions will be offered; 3) training for the community at large will also be provided. The Harvard Center on the Developing Child will be presenting on the science of resiliency, trauma informed care, and brain development stuff. Date October 22.

#### **Networking:**

Nancy (Asian American Center) discussed a commentary written by Dr. Menocal. He discussed that he is seeing a low immunization rate for families living in the west end corridor of Frederick City. He believes this is because of a lack of transportation. Nancy spoke with Elizabeth Chung about having an immunization clinic at their location, but they would need other partners to help with the administration of this. If you would like to work on this issue – please talk to Nancy about how you could help.

Darcy (Notable Progressions) – Drum Circle at 5:30 tomorrow at Sky Stage – money donation will go to Judy Center. Drum Circle will be the first Friday of every month through October weather permitting. Sprouting melodies classes available – check out their website.

Ginny announced they are starting to look for volunteers for Children's Festival for 2020.

Jim (DSS Family Preservation) will take referrals for families who need some additional support. Family Preservation in home services can be done voluntarily. Call CPS intake line to discuss a possible referral.

Patti (Child Care Choices/MHA) will be showing the Resilience film at the libraries. July 9<sup>th</sup> will be the showing at the C. Burr Artz Library at 6:30. No reservations needed.

Janet (FCPL) shared Library calendar/bookmarks and summer reading challenge information for adults and families. Visit [fcpl.org/summer](http://fcpl.org/summer) for details.

Diana (Community Foundation) Grants – July 15 through August 15 is the Strategic grant cycle and August 15 – Sept 15 is the Impact grant cycle.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35

**Next Meeting – August 1, 2019**

*Minute Recorder – TBD*

*Presentation – TBD*

**Mission Statement:**

To promote the healthy development and well-being of young children and their families through community collaboration.

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