



*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*

### **Mission Statement:**

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

### **Meeting Minutes**

May 6, 2021

#### **Attendees:**

Jennifer Barker-Frey

Nancy Boyd

Malcolm Furgol

Pat Rosensteel

Shelly Toms

Diana Fulchiron

Pilar Olivo

Sarah Ford

Leslie Frei

Katharine Long

Colleen Guardia

Ula Slider

Jessica Lertora

Jim Miller

Lesbia Chandler

Ann Ryan

Christy Donnelly

Claudia Hernandez

Cyndi Lessner

Delaine Welch

Jen Russo

Kathy Allen

Kelly Robbins

Lisa Martinis

Nancy Barry

Rachel Demma

Samantha Carter

Stacy Wantz

Terri Ridenour

Terry Kitchen

Vanessa Jones

Wendy Dantzler

Steve Hicks

**Meeting Commenced at 1:01 pm**

**Introductions** – Kathy Allen led the group through introductions of new participants and the organizations that are represented in the meeting.

**Minutes** – Pilar Olivo motioned for a vote and was seconded by Leslie Frei. Unanimous.

**Nomination and Voting for next IECC Co-Chair** – Shelly Toms lead a brief discussion for Co-Chair nominations and voting. There was one nomination for Jessica Lertora. No other members were nominated. The IECC members moved to vote. Jessica Lertora was placed in a waiting room while the vote occurred. A motion to vote in the new Co-Chair was motioned by Pilar Olivo and seconded by Jim Miller. Unanimous.

**Grant Interment.** Kathy Allen shared that the grant interterm report is due at the end of the month. It will be put together and shared with the group when completed.

**Children's Festival:** Nancy Barry, standing in for Patty Morrison. Patty wanted to thank everyone that supported and participated in the Month of the Children's Festival, "Out of the Park". Considering the COVID impact, it was very successful. When participation was lower than anticipated the volunteers took the remaining bags all over the

County parks and even went to a food truck event. All but 250 of the 1000 bags were given out on Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>, and the remaining bags went to the “I Believe in Me” food drive community event the following Monday. Thanks to everyone for making the event a success.

**ACEs Workgroup & We Design Updates** – Pilar Olivo.

1. Please Save the Date June 11, 2021 8:30am to 10:30am FrameWorks Frame Check, live 2-hour webinar. To register please click here: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJltd-2vpzotG9yj5la3nouQ3Cpe5D8NqfdF>
2. Proposal to expand the current Universal Newborn Home Visiting program to an evidence based model with Family Connects. If anyone is aware of other sources of funding, please let Pilar know.
3. Children Market Analysis: We've created the study prospectus called: Foundations of Prosperity and working with FC GIS with a convened meeting with Betsy Day at the community foundation to begin the landscape analysis. Will be making a request for Maryland Family Network for their local data for childcare providers.

**Dolly Parton Imagination Library Funding Update:** Kathy Allen, the striving readers grant that has been funding for the past 3 years and was ending but, thanks to Malcom from United Way and Diana from the Community Foundation they were able to find the funding in order for it to continue from July through December. In August we will need help to write a grant to continue that funding through FY22.

**Presentation – Maryland Ready Strategic Plan:**

- *Steven Hicks, Assistant State Superintendent for the Division of Early Childhood Development, MSDE*
- *Rachel Demma, Director of Early Childhood System Development, MSDE*
- Presentation:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/11Q2gAcarUlUxaQX7VQtFdYZ9JM8N8OD1/view?usp=sharing>
- Workbook: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RcFjJRPTTJf27RMxeeMxYxbBQSyF1D2c/view?usp=sharing>

**Community Updates**

- Malcom, amazing response to the COVID-19 impact survey for ALICE households. They had the most responses over any county in the state. Over 600 for Frederick County. This means that there will be able to get a state report at the state level, but also a Frederick County specific report based on those survey responses. It will be coming out in July.
- Colleen Guardia, commented about the Family Engagement subgroup committee. There were 6 agencies that responded to the focus group survey we are hoping to have more and so they are keeping it open until May 21, 2021. Will report out in June.

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:31pm**

**Next meeting is June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 1:00pm**

**June Presentation – Claudia Hernandez and Jen Russo, Frederick County Judy Center**