



Pulling Together for the Children of Frederick County

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

June 2, 2022

Attendees:

1. Jessica Lertora, Frederick County Safe Babies Court Team Program– Co-Chair
2. Barbara May, Family Partnership – Co-Chair
3. Jim Miller, XXX
4. Colleen Guardia, YMCA Head Start
5. Pilar Olivo, FC Office for Children & Families
6. Claudia Hernandez, FCPS Judy Center
7. Patty Morison, Child Care Choices, MHA
8. Sarah Ford, FC Office for Children & Families
9. Jennifer Barker-Frey, FC Office for Children & Families
10. Pat Rosensteel, COIPP
11. Diana Fulchiron, Community Foundation of FC
12. Nancy Boyd, Community Member
13. Steve Buckley, Frederick County Developmental Center

Meeting Commenced at 1:02 pm

Introductions: Jessica Lertora led the group through introductions of new participants and the organizations that are represented in the meeting.

Minutes: Colleen Guardia motioned for a vote and was seconded by Pilar Olivo. Unanimous.

- **Children's Festival:** Updated link from the Children's Festival Video:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1h26Zr3YP8T36YwODrWzElogTY83Pu-jU/view?usp=sharing>

FY23 Presentation Sign-ups: Barbara May put together a sign-up sheet for agency presentations.

- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oPEccSWqs1osGngLDAi0KLdY50Pujr0I0jN8BwfwIV8/edit>

Future IECC Meetings: MHA has space for the IECC to be in-person once again. It was suggested to have Aug – Dec meetings in-person and then Jan – June to be virtual. The majority of the group agreed to move ahead with the in-person/virtual format.

Child Care Market Initiative: Shelly Toms via Jessica. No updates yet, still waiting to hear from the County and what they are willing to fund.

Child Care Choices: Patty Morison. Will be using grant funds to help support the Fall Conference in either Oct or Nov to be held at FCC. They are building on the theme of Resiliency. Please let Patty know if there are any suggestions for keynote speakers or other ideas. She has confirmed there will be childcare provider(s) and DJ.

ACEs Committee update: Pilar Olivo.

- Logic Model/Action Plan – A survey went out to develop the logic model and with that, they will be in the process of finalizing.
- Postern – Pat & Pilar have a meeting to finish the logo and video. Both in English and in Spanish.
- Families Connects – the Hospital has its contract with the County in place and the launch date is set in January 2023 to start delivery of nurse home visits

Frederick County Developmental Center (FCDC): Steve Buckley.

- Steve lead the group through the programs that are part of the FCDC: Infants & Toddlers Program, School Based Occupational & Physical Therapy Program, Audiology Services, and Dental Program
- Link:
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1XQwWO4AToKa837NRKm7M1CUYKj2LbKbf/edit?usp=sharing&oid=107083232620420309595&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Jamboard with IECC's Current Sub-Committees and Goals: Jessica Lertora.

- Created a Jamboard to help move along the agendas and goals of the IECC Workgroups. Incorporated the 2020 Strategic Plan and the Feb 2022 Marketing Plan to start filling in the notes and content.
- The updated plan discussed during the meeting is to reallocate remaining funding from the MSDE grant for a new strategic plan to re-evaluate goals for the upcoming year. Will need to have the committee vote on changing the funding allocations and potentially complete a budget modification with the State. Grant period ends Dec 31, 2022.
- Link:
<https://jamboard.google.com/d/1jfqYv7A7JMdJWpw4Ht1YQ9REWOQk5EZxdeYGVYPwAFk/edit?usp=sharing>

July 2022 IECC Meeting

- Vote for cancelling the 2022 July IECC Meeting. Barbara May motioned for a vote and was seconded by Jessica Lertora. Unanimous.

Grant Project Groups: Stayed as a whole group discussing the sub-committees/goals above.

Networking:

- Jim Miller – Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Team Direct Line Meeting. Once a month with providers to discuss substance abuse and the impact on those children and families. The meeting is the fourth (4th) Thursday from 2pm to 3pm of every month. If you want to join or be on the mailing list, please contact Jim Miller at Jim.miller@maryland.gov.
- Colleen Guardia – The Federal Office of HeadStart made an announcement to make access to federal programs easier for families by mandating that families who receive SNAP are now categorically eligible for HeadStart.
- Jessica Lertora – Met with members from the University of California, San Francisco and University of Maryland with the intention of helping embed, sustain, and disseminate attachment vitamins. It is a parenting group to support parents with very young children based on a child-parent psychotherapy “lite” model.
- Claudia Hernandez – FCPS has added many new full day Pre-K seats around the county. We need to fill as many seats as possible with families that qualify by total household income. Paper application packets are

available on our ECE website to print and each elementary school should also have them on hand. The online enrollment portal is also open for families but we are finding the portal can be a lot to manage. Please spread the message within your networks that FCPS is actively enrolling Pre-K students for the upcoming school year. Anyone can call our ECE phone number with questions: 240-236-5ECE (5323) or go to www.fcps.org/ece.

Next Meeting – August 4, 2022 1:00 pm at MHA
Presentation – Jessica Lertora, Frederick County Safe Babies Court Team Program