



*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 5, 2022

#### **Attendees:**

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| 1. Jessica Lertora, Frederick County Safe Babies Court Team Program– Co-Chair | 12. Kathy Allen, Early Childhood Education & Judy Centers, FCPS |
| 2. Colleen Guardia, YMCA Head Start                                           | 13. Christy Donnelly, Early Childhood Education, FCPS           |
| 3. Pilar Olivo, FC Office for Children & Families                             | 14. Delaine Welch, Early Childhood Education                    |
| 4. Claudia Hernandez, FCPS Judy Center                                        | 15. Leslie Frei, Early Childhood at FCPS                        |
| 5. Patty Morison, Child Care Choices, MHA                                     | 16. Kelly Robins, FCPS Early Childhood                          |
| 6. Lisa Martinis, Arc of FC                                                   | 17. Diana Fulchiron, Community Foundation of FC                 |
| 7. Shelly Toms, FC Office for Children & Families                             | 18. Nancy Boyd, Community Member                                |
| 8. Sarah Ford, FC Office for Children & Families                              | 19. Steve Buckley, Frederick County Developmental Center        |
| 9. Holly Sontz – Judy Center                                                  | 20. Jilian Bleggi, Judy Center at Lincoln Elementary School     |
| 10. Pat Rosensteel, COIPP                                                     |                                                                 |
| 11. Katharine Long, MSDE Office of Child Care                                 |                                                                 |

#### **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.

**FY23 Presentation Sign ups** Barbara May put together a sign-up sheet for agency presentations – it is in the Google drive. If you don't have access to the drive, then please request access to the drive.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oPEccSWqs1osGnqLDAi0KLdY50Pujr0I0jN8BwfwIV8/edit>

**FY23 IECC Co-chair** – The IECC nominated Jim Miller to become the next Co-Chair. Colleen Guardia motioned for a vote and was seconded by Shelly Toms. Unanimous.

**Children's Festival:** Patty Morison. The Children's Festival was a great success at Baker Park on Saturday April 30, 2022. Through the course of the day, they had over 3,000 people attend. A very special thank you to all the volunteers that came out and stayed for the whole day. We had a total of 44 booths attend and were able to get 51 parents surveys completed. They are planning to keep the surveys open on their Facebook page to hopefully

receive a few more. A few areas of opportunity were to have more food (by booking food trucks a year in advance to be able to secure vendors) and to include more live animals. Overall very positive feedback and looking forward to next year.

**ACEs Committee update:** Pilar Olivo. The origami game had a great reception at the Children's Festival at the IECC booth. Pilar was able to capture a video with Miss Frederick and Miss Frederick Teen playing the game:

- Link: <https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/6872/Interagency-Early-Childhood-Committee> (Under Children's Festival)

The workgroup is working on their logic model and action plans for the next three years of planning.

**Judy Center Presentation** – Kelly Robbins, Kathy Allen, and Leslie Frei.

- Kelly Robins and Kathy Allen presented about the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment from this past Fall.
- Link: [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1x3z85JrXdk1mdq\\_IBQo1draNS4xCpO-TEdNunzNAulM/edit#slide=id.p](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1x3z85JrXdk1mdq_IBQo1draNS4xCpO-TEdNunzNAulM/edit#slide=id.p)

**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.
- Link: <https://jamboard.google.com/d/1jfQYv7A7JMdJWpw4Ht1YQ9REWOQk5EZxdeYGVYPwAFk/edit?usp=sharing>

**ECAC Grant:** Kathy Allen.

The IECC currently has \$12,250 in funding set aside for a strategic communications consultant. We just need to send out the scope of work to the vendors, procure three quotes and then review and choose which quote to work with.

**Frederick News Post – IECC Childhood Milestone Sweepstakes:** Colleen Guardia.

The online contest was posted on April 30, 2022 to May 4, 2022. There were 63 entries and three winners were pulled at random for the prize baskets.

**Grant Project Groups:** Tabled for this meeting due to lack of participants/time.

**Networking:**

- 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.
- Pat Rosensteel. Maxwell's Burgers & Shakes is doing a fundraiser for COIPP. For every cherry vanilla milkshake bought 20% off the proceeds will go to COIPP for the month of May. Frederick Social also is doing a fundraiser and if you chose certain tap, a percentage of the proceeds will also go to COIPP for the month of May.
- Jessica Lertora. Safe Babies is gearing up for their strategic planning retreat. Planning team building with the Court Team and then having an event at Brewers Ally with a presentation by Donna Potter about Trauma and Attachments: how trauma effects parents-child relations and attachment as well as what are the ripple effects of trauma within relationships, that then that touch and mirror families.

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:26 PM**  
**Next meeting is June 2, 2022 at 1:00pm**  
**Presentation – Steve Buckley, Frederick County Developmental Center**