

Frederick County Interagency Early Childhood Committee Meeting notes
March 2, 2023

Committee members in attendance: Jim Miller, Jessica Lertora, Colleen Guardia, Christie Donnelly, [Kelly Robbins](#), Leslie Frei, Erin Gambriel, Patty Morison, Sarah Martin, [Claudia Hernandez](#), Danica Warden, [Holly Sontz](#), Pat Rosensteel, Steve Buckely, Kari Fair, Shelly Toms, Monica Barns, Pilar Olivo, Monique Marshall

March Meeting Minutes Recorders: Pilar Olivo and Holly Sontz

Review and Approval of February Meeting Minutes

Monica made a motion to approve February minutes and Colleen seconded. Minutes were approved.

Updates & Networking

Child Care Choices: (Children's Festival - April 29th) Patty Morison

- Still in need of volunteer support!
- The Education table has much support. Thank you FCPS!
- Desperate need of a volunteer coordinator (create sign up genius and promote volunteer)
 - Strong and capable to help move in vendors and larger items
 - Patty does the bulk of work, so this is an easy task.
- Need an entertainment coordinator (day of work with Patty's help). Mainly MCing the entertainment. Check with Other Voices to see if acting students are interested. Patty loves the idea that children previously engaged with the festival come back and volunteer as adults.
 - Easy - Patty does the bulk of the work.
- Key City Rotary has reached out and put forth to their members who will sign up for shifts.
- Vendors committed thus far:
 - Go Team therapy dogs
 - Boy Scouts
 - Soccer Shots
- We have yet to have any donations come in. Many agencies are still struggling and so we have yet to get any financial support

- We serve 5 counties and we are double booked for the day of the festival (April 29th) so our staff will be split.
- IECC is the large sponsor of the event, not CCC!
 - This means we need YOU! We need you the day of and before the event planning and prepping, and brainstorming
- Reach out to Patty or she will continue to “hound” you!

Child Care Market Study/Analysis Leadership: Shelly Toms & Pilar Olivo

- We had 18 vendors attend from throughout the country
- Four vendor proposals were submitted and one has been secured
- The team: Colleen Graber, Shira Soloman, and Becca Frausel. They have taken our proposal and the research questions and have committed to this work.
- Three studies being integrated, 1 community conversation
 - Landscape analysis, Population focus, and Family & Provider Survey
- This will take one year
- The group of three took our logic model and turned it into *Social Impact: Pathways to Outcomes*
- The team members were very impressed with the IECC logic model
- Local agencies on Childcare Study Advisory Group who will issue additional invites
 - Meet quarterly
- Community Advisory Board
 - New group created to discuss lived experiences
- Community Liaison
 - Seeking to fill this position. One day/month
 - Spanish speaking
 - Job description will be coming out to all IECC members

ACEs Workgroup: Pilar Olivo

- Strong Families Premiere! Get dressed up - this is celebratory!
 - Tuesday, March 28th 6:30 - 7:30pm @ C.Burr Artz Library Community Room
 - Serve and Return videos with four local families (supplied by Family Partnership and Lincoln Judy Center)

- Jessica Fitzwater, County Exec, will be making a Month of the Young Child county proclamation at this event
- Volunteers needed with set up/clean up and greeters
- Open to the public, children are welcome
- Posted on the FCPL events page
- These videos will be played at Warehouse Theaters during previews
- FCPS can share far and wide - Leslie
- Flyer to come!
- Family Connects is able to distribute rack cards supplied from Vroom to promote serve and return
- IECC typically does the city proclamation
 - We need a lead
 - Nancy Boyd has reached out to the city. Patty M. will follow up. Process has begun on this proclamation
 - All of these folks will be invited to the premiere as well
- Leslie Frei will grab the language from Pilar for the FCPS Board of Ed and will bring the information to them; very responsive to EC.
- April is Month of the Young Child and Prevent Child Abuse Month
 - CAC has flyer coming with all events listed around the county

Jim stated that Katie Lomax from Postern will be reaching out to many IECC members to discuss IECC for IECC website

Partner Presentation: *Unite Us-Monique Marshall - We connect health and social care*

See attached presentation from Unite Us.

- Born from working with veterans but realized that underserved communities are in need of support in addition.
- Just celebrated 10 year anniversary
- “End to End Solution for social care”
- How can they align with IECC?
- Over 700 partners, nationwide
- Full service needs and strategic work
- Funding support -
 - Kaiser
 - Network Partners (US)
 - Unite Us

- Maternal and Child health
 - Increase access
 - Strengthen collab
 - Address social determinants
 - Share data
 - Collab with health departments

- Partnership with Maryland Family Network and Judy Centers has enabled sharing of information and identifying creating shared solutions to barriers. Recently updated to include family grouping.
- Individuals can arrange a workflow planning meeting with Monique to learn more and to see a software demo. Monique.marshall@uniteus.com
- 300 partners in Frederick County working with Unite Us now, including Family Resource Specialists
- If an organization uses a CRM, it can integrate with Unite Us or create a complementary workflow so there's no duplication. It works well to have all community organizations using same platform – creates technological integration on the backend. Organizations can contact Monique to discuss use case scenarios and create a pilot to explore use. Schools, faith-based organizations and small nonprofits don't have to pay. PG County Schools has started with cohort training. Hospitals and larger systems pay for implementation teams to support use of Unite Us. Top 20 includes substance use, re-entry and mental health are also included but in a locked area so not visible to all partners.
- Patty suggested that since Maryland Family Network supports Child Care Access and Family Support Centers so it would be great for MFN to help to connect with Patty Centers (family resource centers).
- Unite Us has not connected with FCPS BOE or superintendent yet.

1:50pm - 2:20pm Workgroups

- Identify leads for the Strategic Plan's 90 day tasks
 - Awareness Committee -- Erin Gambrill & Pat Rosensteel will co-lead
 - Collaboration Committee – Michelle Lucena will lead
 - Data & Advocacy Committee – Diana Fulchiron will lead. Seeking co-lead

2:20pm - 2:30pm Informal Network

- PreK Registration starts on Monday, 3/6. Team is centralizing all preK. Application check-list is part of a preK Bundle which includes all promotional materials. Income guidelines go up to 300%. IEPs are eligible for Tier 1—no payment. 1200 spots for 4 year olds. Sliding scale for 300-400%. 1 preK in 2016 now in 2022-2023 FCPS has 71 preKs. ECE is trying to support mixed delivery system with private providers.
- Key 103 is sponsoring Judy Center Diaper Drive at all 5 Judy Centers on 4/1 from 11 am - 1 pm and are partnering with local businesses who would like to donate diapers. Identifying space is key.
- IECC suggested Frederick Health Village as an interesting location.
- COIPP is part of the Unity Campaign which starts next week. Pat is hosting an online auction which starts tomorrow.
- Leslie Frei is teaching a graduate class at Hood College who was a Judy Center kid and is teaching at Lincoln Elementary School.

2:30pm Adjourn

Next Meeting – April 6, 2023 1:00 pm at MHA

Meeting Minutes Recorder – Shelly Toms

Presentation – Family Connects Frederick County – Maria Wardlow

Respectfully submitted by

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