



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

April 6, 2023

Attendees- Jessica Lertora, Erin Gambrill, Sarah Martin, Kathy Allen, Pat Rosensteel, Pilar Olivio, Holly Sontz, Leslie Frei, Maria Wardlow, Claudia Hernandez, Jim Miller, and Kerry Fair

Minute taker- Shelly Toms

Welcome & Introductions – Jessica Lertora and Jim Miller provided welcome and led the group through introductions.

Minutes – Pat Rosensteel motioned for the vote and seconded by Leslie Frei. Unanimous.

Updates & Networking - Focusing & Strengthening Our Collective Efforts in Frederick County
Child Care Choices Updates: Sarah Martin

- Children's Festival - sending out a volunteer list – **still in need of volunteers** – please help out if possible. Feel free to share the volunteer link with high school students, friends, and family. **Does anyone have a connection with the State police?** We would like to have their helicopter at the festival.
- FCPS is offering classes to child care providers. Great turn-out from providers and they are loving them. Providers are getting about \$70 worth of materials to take home.
- Child Care Choices is offering trainings to Judy Center staff
- Child Care Choices is offering to share the Resiliency film and the Brain Architecture game to groups around the County. Let Sarah or Patty know if you would be interested.

Co – Chair Nominations/Description: Jessica Lertora

- Jessica's co-chair term is over June 30, 2023.
- The position works closely with the other co-chair to:
 - pull together the agenda
 - co-lead the meeting
 - oversee the strategic plan and move it forward
 - connect with community partners to include important items on the agenda.
- Important to have the IECC meeting time available - 1st Thursday from 1-2:30
- Two-year term commitment

- Please contact Jessica or Jim if interested in learning more, to submit your name as a nomination and/or to submit a nomination.

Month of the Young Child Proclamations: Sarah Martin

- Tonight – April 6th at City Hall at 7pm

Child Care Market Study/Analysis Leadership: Pilar Olivio

- Updates to Child Care Market Study - [power point here](#)
- Family Survey launches April 29th. Please come to the virtual meeting on 4/24 from 1-1:30pm to learn more about the survey and how to help recruit it.

Partner Presentation: Family Connects Frederick County – Maria Wardlow

- [presentation here](#)

Workgroups

- Link to document in chat:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gklhBLKwRhO6wABPkwlrkh7Vji9eZwVb/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111174970866547453282&rtpof=true&sd=true>
- Identify action steps for the Strategic Plan's 90-day tasks
 - Awareness Committee – Pat Rosensteel & Erin Gambrill
 - Collaboration Committee – Micheline Lucena & TBD
 - Data & Advocacy Committee – Diana Fulchiron & Jessica Lertora

Workgroup Report Out –

- There was not enough time for the workgroups to meet, **but please look at the strategic plan spreadsheet (link above) and start thinking about action steps.**
- It was discussed by the group that it's been difficult for the workgroups to meet during the IECC meetings. **So the group voted that workgroups should meet at least 1x per month outside of the IECC meeting and then they will report out during the IECC meeting.** 1st Pat Rosensteel and 2nd Leslie Frei. Unanimous.
- Each workgroup leaders needs the roster of who's on their group.

Community Updates:

- Transit – offers a travel trainer who can ride buses with clients to assist with learning bus routes. Contact – Jaime McKay - at Jmckay@Frederickcountymd.gov
- Jim is looking for service providers to present to their START group – treatment providers organization. They meet 4th Thursday of the month from 2-3pm. Let him know if you would be interested in providing a presentation.
- Pre-K enrollment has started. Let Leslie know if you need flyers and other give aways.

Adjourn

Next Meeting – May 4, 2023 1:00 pm at MHA

Meeting Minutes Recorder – Leslie Frei

Presentations – Ann Commito, Frederick Be SMART for Kids & Felicia Jones – Taylor, Maryland Family Network/B3