



*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:**

November 2, 2023

**Attendees:** Pat Rosensteel, Jim Miller, Virginia Shell, Tara Plowman, Rousana Soto, Kittybelle Hosford, DeVeda Coley, Claudia Hernandez, Kathy Allen, Steve Buckley, Pilar Olivo, Leslie Frei, Jessica Lertora, Sarah Martin, Pilar Olivo, Diana Fulchiron, Nancy Boyd, Karin Toth, and Shelly Toms

**October Meeting minutes:** Motion made by Pat Rosensteel and seconded by Kathleen Allen, Approved.

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Steve Buckley reminded the committee that the sign-up sheet is available for notes takers and partner presentations.

**Partner Presentation** DeVeda Coley, Supervisor for Community Schools in FCPS  
Ms. Coley shared a slide deck for the presentation:

- Community Schools are funded through Maryland Blueprint legislation
- Provides wraparound services within the community
- In the future, Community Schools could be placed in middle and high schools
- Completed needs assessments, surveys, and focus groups with parents, students, staff to determine school needs, additional services
  - Greatest needs reported by families
    - Learning English / becoming Multilingual 28%
    - Clothing/shoes 24%
    - Dental services 24%
    - Childcare 21%
    - Access to reliable internet 21%

- College prep 21%
- Integrated Student Support Referrals by FCPS Staff
  - Clothing/shoes 57%
  - Food 56%
  - Multilingual support 43%
  - Transportation 42%
  - Mental Health 38%
  - Dental/vision 38%
- Community Schools are prioritizing Access, Training, and Collaboration

**Child Care Market Study update:** Shelly Toms shared a slide deck with updates:

- Final Market Study report should be out in late January/February
- Upcoming Community Information & Input Sessions
  - Family Focus – Wed., Nov. 15 (7-8:15pm)
  - Business and Employer Focus – Wed., Dec. 6 (8-9:15am)
- [Child Care Market Study Flyer](#) for upcoming sessions
- Pilar Olivo shared that the ACEs workgroup has been looking at how it would be deploying VROOM resources and materials.
- National Basecamp site access for people in Frederick County

**Subcommittee updates:**

**Awareness Committee-** Nancy Boyd shared that the IECC website is completed. Awareness committee will not be publicizing the website. It includes a parent resources site. Sarah will maintain site updates. Link will be sent to the group.

**Collaboration Committee –** Collaboration will meet with awareness and compare goals to match the work and priorities

**Data and Advocacy Committee –** Jessica Lertora shared group is lifting up priorities Referencing Early childhood collective impact for what is necessary for thriving children and families. Supporting data – 2024 service mapping initiative. 12-24 collaborative

## Updates & Networking

Sarah Martin shared the following from Patty Morison regarding the Children's Festival:

- Please put Patty on the agendas for Dec-May for Children's Festival updates
- CF planning is moving along and Patty is attending the Mayor and Board of Alderman meeting on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> to request the fee waivers.
- Thank you to Erin Gambrill who will be helping Nancy Boyd with Publicity and to Leslie Frei who will be assisting Ginny Simoneau with Food this year. Claudia Hernandez has agreed to lead the volunteers this year and we could use someone who can assist her, particularly the day of the festival where we assign volunteers throughout the day and provide documentation for their volunteer hours. (This part is already done and signed, you just need to fill in the name of the volunteer and hours worked.)

- We still are looking for volunteers for the committee and the following areas:
- Entertainment-much of that occurs through registration but there may be a few phone calls to previous entertainers to fill empty slots. Then there is the piecing together the schedule and either emceeing the entertainment or recruiting someone who will. We have used older teen volunteers for that part in the past and it worked out well!
- Education Booth-I know that OCF will be there but we would like someone to coordinate that booth with set up and take down as well as working with Claudia to staff it with volunteers if needed.
- Donors-typically PNC is our largest funder and several other participating vendors or entertainment will donate \$50-as much as 4 or 5 hundred. Asian American Center has donated \$600 in the past. MHA's Development Director reaches out to PNC. We usually generate about \$4400 post Covid. This year, the Judy Center Funding as ARPA funding is winding down, may not be able to sponsor Mr. Jon and Friends but he has reached out and is available. Would anyone like to try and find a sponsor for that? It was a big hit in the past few years and we truly appreciate the Judy Center's sponsorship.
- Someone to assist Patric Simoneau with the Baker Park layout the morning of the event. We are looking for early birds who are up and ready to go at 6am!
- Breakfast for volunteers-in the past we have had agencies or individuals pick up coffee and bagels/donuts for the very early morning volunteers-any takers please email Patty at [childrensfestival@fcmhha.org](mailto:childrensfestival@fcmhha.org)
- CCC does the printing of programs, flyers, revising vendor letters, donor letters, putting the information on the website, ordering lunches from Renaissance, providing supplies, organizing stakes for Baker Park layout, packing what is needed for the PNC bags etc (they provide a whole lot more support as well).
- Logistics-applied for permits, entering vendors, entertainer and donors, sending confirmation emails, getting bags from PNC-Patty does that but welcomes anyone who would like to help or learn about it.