



Pulling Together for the Children of Frederick County

Frederick County Interagency Early Childhood Committee
A Subcommittee of the Local Management Board
MHA Community Services Wing
Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2019

Present: Kathy Allen, Jennifer Barker-Frey, Leslie Barnes-Keating, Nancy Boyd, Natalie Cioffi, Barbara Dillon, Leslie Frei, Malcolm Furgol, Kerri Griffin, Dr. James Lee, Kathy Long, Barbara May, Cathy Nusbaum, Darcy O'Daniel, Terri Ridenour, Ann Ryan, Shelly Toms, Amy Tzortzinis, Janet Vogel, Stacy Wantz.

Meeting Minutes Recorder: Leslie Barnes-Keating and Martha Gurzick

Welcome and Introductions: Janet Vogel opened the meeting at 1:00 pm. Attendees introduced themselves.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Dr. Lee made a motion to approve, Leslie Barnes-Keating seconded the motion. All were in favor with no corrections.

Community Foundation Needs Assessment: Betsy Day, President and CEO of the Community Foundation, presented an Executive Summary of the Human Needs Assessment results, which identified the following three high priorities: supporting families with children, preparing for a growing aging population, and responding to substances use disorder. The Community Foundation will be transitioning its activities in grant making, advocacy, leadership, collaboration, and education in FY2020 to these updated priorities. For more information: www.FrederickCountyGives.org/NeedsReport

Mental Health Association: Barbara May led the group through a puzzle exercise to review the 15 programs and services offered by MHA. For more information: <https://fcmha.org/>

Local Care Team (LCT): Brooke Sims presented on the Local Care Team, a subcommittee of the Local Management Board. The LCT helps children with intensive needs, receive assistance with the identification of those needs, and suggest potential resources and services to meet the identified needs. They will refer children and families to care management entities, make connections to available local resources, and connect families to advocates and navigators. For more information: <https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/OCF/LCT>

Grant Opportunity: MSDE just released an opportunity for up to \$25,000 grant. The due date is 5/31 with the funds needing to be spent by 12/31. Kathy shared the possible areas of funding and what the funds could be used for. There was a group of about 10 members who volunteered to be involved in writing for this grant. Coming on the heels of this grant will be a 3 year grant, released in August, details are not available. There was a group discussion on potentially looking at comprehensive training so we all are using the same language and potentially considering bringing in training on becoming Trauma-Informed.

Networking

Children's Festival: On behalf of Patty Morrison, Kathy Allen shared flyers. If your agency needs more, contact Patty. The event is 4/27 from 10-3 in Baker Park.

ACEs workgroup update: Malcolm Furgol provided brief update on behalf of Pilar Olivo. Recommendations were made by the ACEs committee to the Frederick Health Care Coalition at their March meeting. To receive a meeting reminder or to get on an email distribution list, contact Pilar Olivo, polivo@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment: Cathy Nusbaum shared Frederick County and State Data handout.

United Way: Malcolm shared that the Youth Summer Serve Camp is open for registration and their Live United Grants are now open till end of April. Malcolm will share updated ALICE data with the group and he also reminded the group of the Anti-Bullying Activity at the C. Burr Artz Library from 6-8p on 4/17.

Blessings in a Backpack: Barbara shared the Summer Solstice Twilight 8K on 6/15 to benefit BIBP.

Governor's Service Awards: Leslie Barnes-Keating shared the nomination process. Nominations are due on June 7, 2019. More info: <https://gosv.maryland.gov/governors-service-awards/>

First Saturday April: The Child Advocacy Center (CAC) and Friends of the CAC will be in the Bonita Maas Park from 3-6 on Saturday 4/6 with activities.

Compassion Fatigue Presentation with CE: Safe Babies court will be offering a free event on 6/3.

Department of Housing Fair: Sat. June 1 from 10-2 at 555 South Market St. Jen shared details.

Screen Free Week: Starts 4/29. Check out their Facebook page for more details: <https://www.facebook.com/screenfreeFrederick/>.

Library Events: 4/28, Author of Enchanted Hour at C. Burr Artz at 2pm kicking off Screen FREE-Week Frederick. "Get your STEM on" Accessible STEM programs providing a variety of events throughout the county for children age 5-12 with modifications for individuals with visual impairments. Contact Janet Vogel (jvogel@frederickcountymd.gov) for a flyer or with any questions.

Frederick Memorial Hospital: Camp Yes You Can - Asthma Camp for Children 7-11 is now enrolling, Martha will send a flyer for group. Location will be in the city, details coming. If funding or transportation is an issue, encourage registration and let them know so we can try and offer a scholarship as available. Martha thanked the group for the opportunity to serve on IECC with them over the years, this is her last meeting, FMH will be looking for a replacement representative.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35

Next Meeting – May 2, 2019

Minute Recorder – Jennifer Barker-Frey

Presentation – Natalie Cioffi and Maria Herrera, Spanish Speaking Community of Maryland, Inc.