



Pulling Together for the Children of Frederick County

Frederick County Interagency Early Childhood Committee
A Subcommittee of the Local Management Board
ZOOM Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2020

Zoom Attendees: Kathy Allen, Pilar Olivo, Nancy Boyd, Leslie Frei, Barbara May, Darcy O’Daniel, Pat Rosensteel, Cathy Nusbaum, Janet Vogel, Jessica Lertora, Kathy Long, Shannon Aleshire, Stacy Wantz, Janet Speak, Ginny Simoneau, Kim Seoni, Colleen Guardia, Lydia Fuentes, Ann Ryan, Patty Morison, Rorie Cox-Steib, Shelly Toms, Delaine Welch, Diana Fulchiron, Jennifer Barker-Frey

Review and Approval of March Minutes: Shelly Toms moved to approve April minutes as corrected. Diana Fulchiron seconded. All approved via poll.

ACEs Committee Update: Pilar Olivo shared:

- ACEs workgroup provided payment for 4 people to participate in Child Care Aware Virtual Symposium. Pat Rosensteel mentioned that we should spread the word about this as it is important to the COVID funding for the child care community. Patty Morison will send out additional information. Pilar shared a recent poll: 80% of Americans support investment in child care.
- Upcoming events include:
 - Pediatric Integrated Health Care with Michelle Duprey
 - June 24 5:30-7:30pm
 - Works with Frederick Health to provide nursing, medical and social work education credits and on outreach
- Frameworks Institute Workshop Series – June TBD
 - Will be a series of 3 (hour and a half each) seminars
 - Free – will be a registration process
 - Great opportunity for communication leaders in organizations
 - Email Pilar with recommendations
- Contact Inga James at ijames@heartlyhouse.org if you are curious about meetings, she is working to set up committees
- Harvard Center on the Developing Child “Field of Interest Conversations” for May 13, 20, and 27th from 11:30-
- Pilar shared a video from governor’s office – New PSA on reporting child abuse

MSDE FY21 LECAC Quality Improvement Grant:

Cathy Nusbaum provided the following updates:

- Three-year grant - \$25,000/year
- Continue with WeDesign symposium
- Support Child Care Conference (years 1 and 3)
- Marketing and Communications plan
- Child Care Market Analysis
- Work with FNP
- Parent engagement email platform to elevate IECC partners and create consistent messaging.
- Cathy is putting it all together for FCPS signature! (Due May 18)

Virtual State ECAC Meeting

- Jessica Lertora shared that they discussed the state draft of PDG grant
- Kathy Allen DEC (Division of Early Childhood) shared that there are a lot of resources on the earlychildhood.ed website
- Alexis Washington is looking for Tuesday Tidbits alexis.washington@
 - Stories of resiliency
- There is a draft re-entry program for childcare
 - 7878 programs typically open in MD
 - 3788 programs currently open in MD (COVID)
 - Patty Morison said some of the centers that are open have openings
- Janet Speak provided an update that most childcare providers have received payment at this point. They have received an \$800 bonus plus a \$2,000 bonus. Mentioned that the Office of Child Care is doing virtual meetings to support providers. They're also in direct contact with the Health Department. All scholarship payments are still being made even if a child isn't in child care. MD has sent out \$18million to providers thus far.

Asian American Center

- Nancy Boyd shared that AACF was founded in 2005 by an immigrant that wanted to help other immigrants so they could become empowered to give back. They serve all immigrant, low-income minority groups.
- Nancy shared AACF website. There is a tab for submitting names if you know people that need help.
- The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program – ages 55+ supports a diverse range of volunteer activities
- Maternal & Child Health program
- Workforce Development programming – they were hosting sessions at the center for the community to learn about resources available. Services are now being offered virtually.
- Community Health Worker training program – trains people to work in their own neighborhoods
- English As a Second Language – only cost is payment of book
- Annual Health Fair – typically at the Frederick Fairgrounds
- Interpreter/Translation Services (over 30 languages). They support Frederick Health with non-Spanish language needs.
 - on website tab to offer assistance, volunteering
- CIS - Citizen Integration Services: free assistance for completing paperwork for Green Cards and Citizenship, only cost for Citizenship classes is book fee.

- Interpreting Services: support for all language needs to other FC businesses with large immigrant populations.

Diana Fulchiron – Human Needs Visualization Tool (Data for assessing human needs)

- Frederickcountygives.org > 2018 Needs Assessment > Human Needs Assessment Report > Visualization Tool
- Makes data available to community-at-large
- Visualization Tool includes charts that agencies can use for data purposes
- Data will remain available.
- See the Instructions tab for navigation support within the website.
- Includes national, state, and county data
- Ability to download and share information in different formats.
- Ann Ryan noticed that the rent costs are higher in Frederick County than any other county in MD

Networking

- Diana Fulchiron shared that the Community Foundation of Frederick is accepting applications for funding due to the COVID closures until June 8th. It is a single application. \$1million has already gone out to non-profits.
- Kathy Allen – next meeting June 4th 1:00pm – same link for every meeting. Thanks to Pilar for organizing and maintaining the online capabilities!
- IF you have a resource to share, please “reply-all” to our IECC emails.
- On IECC shared google drive, you can sign up for note takers and presenters
- Judy Center – please follow on Facebook!
- We all wish Janet Vogel the best in her new journey as she moves to Ohio. Her last official day for FCPL is May 26th.
- Shelly Toms shared OCF is looking for a co-chair in assisting Kathy with the IECC meetings. Please send nominations (can self-nominate) within the next few weeks so we can vote in the June meeting.
- Patty Morison mentioned that tomorrow (May 8) is Childcare Provider Appreciation Day. On May 8th at 1:30-1:45pm is a Facebook live event where providers can earn prizes.
- Nancy Boyd shared that AACF is still doing a food drop every Friday. M-F a bilingual staff is in the office from 9am-12pm to support the public.
- Shannon Aleshire shared the MHA Catocin Affair was supposed to be this past Saturday (May 2). It will now happen on May 28th at 7:00pm in a virtual format. Co-chairs will be the MC’s

Next IECC Meeting

Thursday, June 4th 1:00pm

Same Zoom link!

