

FREDERICK COUNTY LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES

Virtual Meeting

Frederick, MD 21701

November 23, 2020

Present:

FC Dept. of Juvenile Services – William Keefer
FC Dept. of Social Services – Debbie Marini, **Vice Chair**

FC Dept. of Social Services – Kim Smith
FC Office for Children & Families – Shelly Toms
Family Partnership – Barbara May
FC Citizens Services Division – Leslie Barnes-Keating
FC Finance Department – Marie Berg
FC Health Department – Steve Buckley
FC Health Department – Miriam Dobson, **Chair**
FC Human Relations – Miles Ward
Community Engagement & Consultation Group Inc. – Dr. Anita Mwalui
FC Local Behavioral Health Authority – Jay Hessler
Private Citizen, Ralph Hertges

Head Start (YMCA) – Stacy Wantz
United Way – Kenneth Oldham
Seton Center – Sister Martha Beaudoin
Housing Authority of the City of Frederick – Ann Ryan
Safe Babies Court (Zero To Three), Jessica Lertora
FC Workforce Services – Latrice Lewis
NCI at Frederick – Marsha Nelson-Duncan
FC Office for Children & Families – Brooke Sims
FC Office for Children & Families – Jennifer Barker-Frey
FC Office for Children & Families – Sarah Ford
Steadfast – Cindy Morgan
Waystation/Sheppard Pratt – Jenifer Winkler
Mental Health Association – Shannon Aleshire
Mental Health Association – Leshia Chandler

- I. **Commence** – 2:05pm
- II. **Introductions** – Shelly Toms. The meeting was called to order by Miriam Dobson and Shelly Toms started introductions of attendees.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes were approved, by vote, with a motion from Debbie Marini and seconded by Latrice Lewis. Unanimous.
- IV. **Welcome New Members** – Ann Ryan, Ralph Hertges, and Sister Martha Beaudoin.
- V. **Race Equity: Groundwater Workshop**

OCF and the Human Relations Dept. and Commission are organizing a training that was scheduled for last April. Now they are working on rescheduling it for January 28th, 2021 from 9am to 12pm. They are waiting for confirmation and then will send out official invitations. This will be a closed training, with limited “seating” available. Those that will be invited are: LMB members, Human Relations Department, OCF Staff, Human Relations Commission members, CSD directors, LCT members, and our vendors plus 1 or 2 staff that work directly with our programs.

Groundwater was developed by Racial Equity Institute, LLC. to help the focus and structural roots of racial equity. The training will open a conversation to how we move forward. Last two years The Governor’s Office, over the last two years, has required in the NOFA to include information about race equity and how it relates to our county.

- VI. **Strategic Planning & Community Plan**

Presentation from the small work group reviewing the priority strategies recommended in the prior year, reviewing the proposed initiatives/strategies, and feedback from the

LMB moving forward: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CM6Lk_Kxogq7dokfGH-pe0A223JXzKMz/view?usp=sharing

VII. Community Updates

- Ann Ryan – There were five learning hubs for children K to 12, but had to close due to positive COVID results. They are reopening based on individual supports next week. They are trying to provide mostly individual connections for hired youth and adults for a wage to apprentice in trades. Focused on helping each family move forward.
- Barbara May – Working with families to get them engaged, working, and supported. In the process of providing devices for Wi-Fi and hot spot internet access.
- Debbie Marini – Services are still continuing out to the community. Starting to do a regional meeting to address the needs of children on the prevention side. There are about 8,000 to 9,000 struggling to have needs met.
 - FAQ for more information: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jXfZJDd5mv5u6baTkaO7O-1Omd8ZdLt-/view?usp=sharing>
 - Debbie Marini -DHS- Frederick County <debbie.marini1@maryland.gov>
- Jay Hessler – Kids Like Us: Virtual program for after school services started last week about kids are being supported within the community. So far the response is overwhelming, over 100 kids to engage in the services. A Way Forward Together Media campaign that targets adults and partners with public school and go through out FCPS to get the messages out to children.
- Leshia Chandler/Shannon Aleshire – They have extended crisis services 10am to 10pm, Monday thru Friday and 10am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday. Unfortunately, the amount of children seen has significantly fallen. The goal is to find children before they need to be referred to hospital.
- Marsha Duncan – NCI has a yearlong internship for high school children and was able to adapt to promote some remote activity. Another program is currently only open to Frederick County students in its 31st year, over 1400 students have been through it, and it just won the presidential award, and was able to become virtual. Mostly trying to adjust everything to our new remote environment.
- Sister Martha – Holiday Helping Hands program was provided to 115 families at the Seton Center. There were gift cards from Target and Walmart: \$50 individual & \$75 for families. There were many toy donations that families can pick for their children and loved ones. Also, Seton Center has been working on funding for rental assistance and car payments, providing money for insurance, tires, etc. to families in need.
- Stacy Wantz – Headstart is open and there are 5 centers and 7 class rooms. There are 2 virtual classes rooms serving about 130 kids. And still accepting applications.

Adjourn – 3:31pm