

## Frederick County Local Management Board

### Minutes

August 8, 2016

MHA Community Services Wing, 226 South Jefferson Street Frederick, MD

**Attendees:** Barbara Brookmyer, Linda Yale, Chief Hargis, Ralph Hertges, Bill Keefer, Monica Grant, Robin Inskeep, Shelly Toms, Stacy Wantz, Miles Ward, Wayne Horrell, Jenifer Winkler, Miriam Dobson, Suzi Borg, Pat Fleet and Leslie Barnes

- I. Shelly Toms welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.
- II. The LMB Minutes from, June 27, 2016 were approved with a motion from Chief Hargis and a second from Miriam Dobson.

III. Brian Ackerman with Ascendient provided a detailed overview of the final draft of the Community Needs Assessment. Ascendient's process included the use of web-based surveys and focus groups to collect feedback from the community and a quantitative data analysis.

In reviewing the final draft the highest priority needs were identified as:

Concerns, areas for improvement, and/or barriers to access in Frederick County:

- Lack of awareness about what services are available and how to access those assistive services was the most mentioned concern...perceived need for more community outreach/education
- Transportation also identified as a significant barrier to accessing services:
  - Public transportation not seen as reliable
  - Extraneous time necessary to get from place to place
  - Limited/Lack of transit options outside of Frederick City
- Language barriers and lack of interpretive and translation services were also noted as barrier to access for the Asian American and Hispanic populations
- Issues related to drugs and bullying/social media identified by many as greatest challenge faced by children and families...also most commonly mentioned as haven gotten worse in recent years

Areas where Frederick County is doing well were identified as:

- Partnerships and levels of collaboration among agencies
- Helpfulness and friendliness of staff
- Strength of programs that are offered

- IV. A motion was made by Leslie Barnes with a second from Miles Ward to nominate Jennifer Winkler as the new Chair and Shelly Toms as the Vice Chair. The LMB members voted unanimously to accept the motion.
- V. Leslie Barnes spoke about the Needs Assessment, she stated that the report would be available to all of the members by the end of the week. She asked that if anyone had any suggestions or comments to send them to her as soon as possible. The next step will be to use the information as a planning tool for FY 18 funding.
- VI. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05

Next Meeting  
TBD