



*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*

### MHA Community Services Wing

### **Meeting Minutes**

September 7, 2017

#### **Present**

Shannon Aleshire, Jennifer Barker-Frey, Leslie Barnes, Dr. Alison Bomba, Steve Buckley, Hannah Cobb, Cathy Cullen, Leslie Frei, Monica Grant, Martha Gurzick, Lisa Jarboe, Dr. James Lee, Darcy Lipscomb, Cathy Nusbaum, Pilar Olivio, Pat Rosensteel, Ginny Simoneau, Shelly Toms, Amy Tzortzinis, Janet Vogel, Stacy Wantz, Delaine Welch, Patricia Washington-Geddes

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

#### **Minutes:**

Minutes were reviewed. No changes suggested. Pat Rosensteel made a motion to approve minutes. Monica Grant seconded. Approved unanimously.

#### **Fall 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Frederick Cares Symposium- October 20<sup>th</sup> Tuscarora High School 8:30am-3:30pm**

Grow Your Kids: TREE Presentation – Dr. Lee, Lynn Davis

Dr. Tellerman has given a commitment to attend the event for the full day. Dr. Lee will send out a syllabus/agenda. Uncertainty remains regarding the registration process and whether participants must register or can simply attend the event as a walk-in. Save the date emails were sent out in mid-August to a few organizations.

#### **Book Group Event Update:**

HillbillyElegy – Dr. Lee / Hannah Cobb

October 5<sup>th</sup> at Urbana Public Library, 6:30-8:30pm, Moderators for discussion groups will be Monica Grant, Anne Soule, and Ken Oldham. Dr. Lee asked that IECC members consider having questions ready to ask related to ACE's to build and maintain the focus of the discussions on the ACE's aspects of the book. Dr. Lee obtained a manual for supporting Community Meetings. Monica Grant shared that her experiences have shown that the tones taken by participants will guide how a community gathering ensues and therefore, it is vital that IECC members are prepared to build the tone into the ACE's format and stray from politics. Pat Rosensteel suggested having ACE's surveys available for participants if they want to continue their personal learning/reflection.

**Agency Presentations:**

**Head Start** - Stacy Wantz (follow up to previous meeting discussion)

Stacy shared data regarding Head Start Program Information related to childhood obesity. Data shows number of children enrolled in program who have been determined by a health care professional to be up-to-date on all immunizations appropriate for their age (4 categories). Committee reviewed data and inquired about how and when data is collected.

YMCA of Frederick County Head Start Program Information Data	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Number of children enrolled in program	306	295	315	318	314
Number of children who have been determined by a health care professional to be up-to-date on all immunizations appropriate for their age:					
a. Underweight (BMI less than 5 <sup>th</sup> percentile for child's age and sex)	11	12	7	16	40
b. Healthy weight (at or above 5 <sup>th</sup> percentile and below 85 <sup>th</sup> percentile for child's age and sex)	197	195	259	230	204
c. Overweight (BMI at or above 85 <sup>th</sup> percentile and below 95 <sup>th</sup> percentile for child's age and sex)	48	51	18	38	30
d. Obese (BMI at or above 95 <sup>th</sup> percentile for child's age and sex)	50	37	31	34	40

**Judy Center** – Cathy Nusbaum shared that Judy Center is an MSDE Grant-funded program which provides comprehensive support for families with children birth - 5 years old and helps families form community partnerships. There are 12 components to which the grant funds are comprised including but not limited to: Family Mentoring Program, Case Management, Parent Resource Library, Professional Development, Referral Assistance, etc. The Office of Early Childhood in FCPS has applied for and obtained the grant since 2001. The grant has expanded to include 24 counties in MD and with that increase, this past year FCPS had to cut the Judy Center out of Hillcrest Elementary. Currently the Judy Center runs at two schools, Waverley and Lincoln. FCPS decided to support the same services through in-kind funding at the Hillcrest location.

**Ready Rosie** – Cathy Nusbaum shared the online format of Ready Rosie. Ready Rosie is a parent education app designed for families with children 0-5. Through grants and additional funds (Head Start) RR is available to all families in Frederick County this year. Cathy showed the capabilities for teachers to communicate with families and set up weekly videos that align to current classroom instruction. Teachers add parents email and once the parents accept the invitation, the family is added to the teacher's dashboard. Parents can search activities by content (math, language, social, etc) and time of use (doctor's office, grocery store). Families that are not enrolled in FCPS can still gain access by using a local zip code. Amy Tzortzinis would like to share RR information with her local business group. Pilar Olivo requested more information about gathering data from the site and whether the count of viewers is defined within a time period, so we understand who is currently using the site. Martha Gurzick inquired about a Ready Rosie information session for FMH business meetings.

## **Networking**

- Dr. Lee's office promoted their "Diapers for December" event. They offered diapers to any groups or organizations in need of diapers. The office would like to make the "gift" of diapers a special occasion by making an official "present" to those in need.
- Darcy O'Daniel shared information for the Therapeutic Social Skills Development Group to begin in October in collaboration with Dr. Bomba.
- Darcy also shared information regarding a new performing arts group, New Spire Arts which is a chorus for adults with disabilities (Spreading Melodies).
- Shannon Aleshire shared that Anne Soule will be leaving the Mental Health Association within the next month as her husband has been relocated to Florida. She shared a flyer with the job posting for her position.
- Malcolm Furgol of United Way shared that the Unity Campaign kickoff is next Tuesday. There will be a story in the local news regarding the kick-off. Donations are accepted until the end of the campaign, December 24<sup>th</sup>.
- United Way's Day of Action is October 6<sup>th</sup>. Ideas for service projects can be submitted to Malcolm's office until the Day of Action. There are over 200 volunteers already signed up and each will be provided breakfast by the Frederick Keys. Darcars is also a major sponsor.
- United Way is organizing a General Election Forum on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Bernard Brown Community Center for citizens to find out views and standpoints for the general election candidates.
- The LiveUnited grant cycle opens on October 1<sup>st</sup>. In the past, grants were capped at \$5,000 but Malcolm reported there is potential for them to reward up to \$10,000 per grant. For questions regarding eligibility, please contact Malcolm.

## **Upcoming IECC Meetings**

There will not be an October IECC meeting, all members are encouraged to attend the Book Group on October 5<sup>th</sup> at Urbana Public Library.

The next meeting will be November 2, 2017 . Leslie Frei will share information regarding the Office of Early Childhood Education at FCPS.

**Subcommittee Updates:**

**Ready Rosie**

Ready Rosie subcommittee did not meet this month.

**ACE's Workgroup**

**Next Meeting  
November 2, 2017 at 1pm  
MHA Community Services Wing**

## Attachment: Ready Rosie Subcommittee Minutes – 8-3-17

### **Training**

- Training for teachers who will use the Teacher Dashboard will be on August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:30 – 3:00. Location to be determined. Possible locations include: Lincoln Elementary, Mount St. Mary's, FCPL, etc. Training will be provided by Ready Rosie staff.
- Kathy Long asked for a workshop presentation for child care providers. Cathy and Ginny will do this on September 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30. Jolena Simoneau will create a flyer for this workshop as well.

### **Advertisement and Rollout**

- 2 levels of outreach. One is to providers/businesses etc. The other is to families.
- Jolena is creating flyers and quarter sheet cards for both audiences. Head Start will print them.
- Back to school events – Cathy will send information to schools to have available for back to school events.
- Kathy Long will send an email and flyer out to all providers.
- Advertise on FCPS Find Out First
- Contact business managers in Dr. office to see if they will put out our quarter sheets
- Contact FMH maternity to see if we can put a sheet in new baby bags, and to put in labor and delivery waiting room
- Place in grocery stores and businesses as we can (Head Start advocates are in community and will distribute) Goodwill
- We will bring materials to IECC in September for distribution to membership
- Ginny will put another ad in Frederick's Child
- Flyers to FCPL
- Try and get ad's or information in small town newspapers
- Provide presentation to child care directors group
- Flyers at DSS, Food Bank, Shelter, Health Department, YMCA
- Cathy will share with PK teachers in August and with High School Child Development teachers
- Contact at MSD
- Ask Child Care Choices to have information at trainings
- Information to Literacy counsel
- Information on Facebook and everyone "Share"