



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
January 4, 2018

Present

Shannon Aleshire, Kathy Allen, Jennifer Barker-Frey, Leslie Barnes, Nancy Boyd, Steve Buckley, Chris Bugher, Hannah Cobb, Lynn Davis, Barbara Dillon, Malcolm Furgol, Jim Lee, Kathy Long, Barbara May, Patty Morison, Cathy Nusbaum, Pilar Olivo, Ginny Simoneau, Shelly Toms, Amy Tzortzinis, Janet Vogel, Stacy Wantz

Welcome and Introductions

Review and Approval of Minutes

The December minutes were reviewed and approved.

State Early Childhood Advisory

Cathy Nusbaum attended The State Early Childhood Advisory meeting on 12/21/17 and reported that there is state-wide interest in supporting resiliency. The State Early Childhood Advisory expressed interest in bringing ACEs community presentations to a state-wide audience to raise awareness.

Agency Presentation: Developmental Center

Steve Buckley provided a presentation on the Frederick County Developmental Center. There are four Developmental Center Programs: the Infant and Toddler Program, the School Based Program, the Audiology program, and the Dental program.

Infants and Toddlers:

This program serves children Birth to 3 years of age with an option for an extended IFSP (Individual Family Service Plan). Services are provided in a child's natural environment in collaboration with caregivers. The following are provided using a coaching model: PT, OT, SLP, Social Work, Special Education, Service Coordination, and Psychological services. There is no charge to parents for this program. This program is run on a coaching model, in which providers go to the child's home and work with parents to give the parents the resources they need to continue services for the child on their own. It focuses on working hands-on with the family. There is no waiting list for services, and translators are provided for home visits as needed.

OT/PT School Based Services:

In most Maryland counties, School-based OT & PT services are provided by the school system. In FC, they are provided by the Developmental Center. Children are eligible

from the age 3 to 21 and are usually referred to the program through Child Find or the school. An assessment is done, and when appropriate, an IEP is developed. In 2016-2017, therapists completed 414 assessments and provided school-based therapy services to over 791 children in the area of Occupational and Physical Therapy. Therapists also conducted nearly 20,000 visits for the 2016-2017 school year. Children need to be in the process of being tested for Special Education Services or receiving Special Education Services for OT and/or PT to assess. Once an assessment is completed, the school team holds an IEP meeting. OT and PT are related services, so after goals and objectives are approved, services are determined based on the unique expertise of the OT or PT. OTs and PTs look at barriers that impact the student during the day. They have a fine motor and sensory integration focus. There is a safe feeding team to make sure the students are able to eat safely during the school day.

Audiology Services:

FCDC provides audiology services to infants and toddlers, the school-based population, and to adults with developmental disabilities. Early amplification for children with hearing loss helps to minimize delays in speech and language development and is a vital ingredient in helping children achieve their academic goals. In 2016-2017 810 audiology services were performed. FCDC receives referrals from Infants and Toddlers. They also perform Head Start screenings.

The Dental Clinic:

The Developmental Center Dental Clinic has an experienced staff of dentists, dental assistants, and a hygienist, providing direct service for children from low-income families, immigrant populations, and children with developmental delays who have trouble receiving dental services from the community. Adults with low income may be assisted in receiving community-based dental services. In 2016-2017 over 3200 children were served through the dental clinic, and 1300 students were screened in an Outreach Program that provided dental screenings for children at Hillcrest, Monocacy, and Waverley Elementary schools in an attempt to reach families and make sure each family has a dental care home.

Subcommittee Updates

ACEs

Malcolm Furgol provided an update on the ACEs subcommittee. The subcommittee has restructured into three goal groups, focusing on Prevention, Awareness, and Treatment and Intervention.

The next LHIP meeting will be held at the C. Burr Artz library at 5:00 on 2/6. The ACEs subcommittee will provide a brief update at this meeting, contributing to the Behavioral Health team's focus on stigma.

The school health council is incorporating ACEs in material given to schools—Martha Gurzick is leading this. She is also working with two nursing students to research ways to address ACEs through trauma informed care in the nursing profession. Their goal is to create a model for hospitals to use when training nurses.

The ACEs committee is also working on creating a flyer about ACEs in Frederick County.

In June 2018, the ACEs group will be the focus of the Local Health Improvement Process community presentation. The presentation will focus on building resiliency and the theme of “what’s your story” rather than “what’s wrong with you.”

ACEs will be a focus at the 2018 Summit of Intersections, to be held on 9/27 and 9/28. The community forum will be offered in the evening of 9/27, while a conference for professionals will be provided during the day on 9/28. Heartly House, Wells House, MHA, the Health Department, and United Way are sponsors.

Ready Rosie

There are now 1136 registered Ready Rosie users, and over 500 of these are not connected to a classroom. In August of 2017 there were only 522 users, so there has been a rapid increase. Schools are active users. Ready Rosie plans to launch an in-depth evaluation of the Ready Rosie approach to education, and the company would like to partner with Head Start and other organizations currently using Ready Rosie for this study. The subcommittee is planning to create targeted presentations to take to specific groups. Any feedback from families about Ready Rosie can go to Cathy Nusbaum.

Right now there is not a Ready Rosie app, but all the services can be accessed through the website, <https://www.readyrosie.com/>.

Agenda update

The Symposium Collaboration Conversation was tabled till February’s meeting. Cathy Nusbaum’s presentation of KRA data was also tabled till the February meeting.

Networking

Patty Morison attended the first planning meeting for the 2018 Children’s Festival, which will be held on 4/28 at Baker Park. It is sponsored by the IECC and the City of Frederick, and the planning team is looking for volunteers.

On 3/24 FCC is hosting a Resiliency Conference, which will offer a screening of the Resiliency film, trauma-informed yoga, and music therapy. Patty Morison will notify the group when registration opens.

Malcolm Furgol announced that United Way is celebrating their 80th anniversary, and will have a new logo. They are also celebrating the 10th year of Stuff the Bus this summer. United Way’s community partner RFP has been released, and letters of intent are due on 1/12. Live United grants are due on 1/31. The VITA program is now accepting appointments, which can be made through 211. On 1/11, United Way is hosting a Prosperity Fair to promote the services of the Prosperity Center. On MLK Day, United Way is hosting a volunteer day with Glory’s Happy Hats project to make Happy Hats and knitted blankets for cancer patients.

Amy Tzortzinis announced that Frederick County Pediatrics is launching a reading challenge program for parents and kids: #fcpreadtome

The program will highlight a new book every week along with discussion questions and free activities. They would like to promote this program to daycares or anyone interested. More information is available on the website:

<http://www.fredcokids.com/reading-challenge/>.

Next IECC Meeting

February 1, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 2:11 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Hannah Cobb.