



*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**  
March 1, 2018

**Present:** Shannon Aleshire, Kathy Allen, Leslie Barnes-Keating, Alison Bomba, Nancy Boyd, Hannah Cobb, Miriam Dobson, Leslie Frei, Martha Gurzick, David Humphries, Darcy O'Daniel, Kathy Long, Barbara May, Patty Morison, Cathy Nusbaum, Pilar Olivo, Pat Rosensteel, Ginny Simoneau, Jolena Simoneau, Shelly Toms, Janet Vogel, Stacy Wantz

**Meeting Minutes Recorder:** Leslie Barnes-Keating

**Welcome and Introductions:** Cathy Nusbaum and Stacy Wantz

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** – All

- a. Change reference from “Children’s Magazine to “Frederick’s Child”
- b. Leslie Frei made a motion to approve the minutes with the edit noted and Leslie Barnes-Keating seconded the motion. All in attendance approved by unanimous vote

**Agenda Items:**

1. Mental Health Association - Patty Morison shared an overview of the services/programs offered by MHA.
  - a. MHA works to: prepare resilient children, secure vulnerable families, face crisis together, support the entire community
  - b. Data points: 50,000 people served, 43,000 calls, 2,593 early child care providers trained, 1,075 home visits
  - c. MHA currently has 13 programs including; Call Center, Telephone Reassurance Program, Suicide Alertness Intervention Training, Survivors of Suicide Support Group, Walk in Behavioral Health Services, Systems Navigation, Court Appointed Special Advocate, Healthy Families Frederick, Supervised Visitation, Monitored Transfer, Impact of Incarceration Through Education and Coaching, Child Care Choices, Partnerships for Emotionally Resilient Kids, Counseling Services and Mental Health First Aid.

*Full program detail is available on the attached PowerPoint.*

2. Frederick County Public Library - Janet Vogel & Hannah Cobb shared and overview of the initiatives/services offered by FCPL.
  - a. Mission: *By facilitating the public's freedom to explore, to invent, and to transform, FCPL connects people to ideas and to each other, helping to foster individual and community growth*
  - b. Data points: 8 public libraries 2 bookmobiles in Frederick, 152,000 library card holders. 1,000,000 visits each year, 11,000 participants in the Summer Reading Challenge and over 6,000 events each year.
  - c. Walkersville Library - Opening on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Myersville is scheduled for a 2019 opening.
  - e. Middletown is scheduled for a 2022 opening.
  - f. Library resources include, free mobile apps for books, films, documentaries, language resources, resources for Lynda.com (online learning), early literacy play and learning spaces (KRA spaces for children and caregivers), story times, film festival, summer challenge program  
*Full detail on FCPL offerings is available on the attached PowerPoint.*
3. Symposium Collaboration Conversation – Frederick Cares and Summit of Intersections
  - a. This item will be discussed at the April meeting. Lynn Davis and Malcolm Furgol will be asked to lead the conversation.
4. Mid-Year Checkpoint Survey Results – Stacy Wantz
  - a. There were 17 responses from IECC members to the survey.
  - b. Stacy handed out the information for review by the group for a discussion during the April meeting.
  - c. State Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) – Pilar and David Humphries will be attending. They will give a 15 minute presentation that will highlight accomplishments including ACEs, Ready Rosie and other initiatives that have been supported by the IECC.
5. Community Updates –
  - a. Cathy Nusbaum – MSDE received Striving Readers Literacy Grant. Frederick County will be applying for it. We can apply for up to \$1 million dollars each year for three years. It is for literacy based/evidence based practices from birth through grade 12. The birth – 5 age band will be targeted toward ELL since that is the largest need. Cathy is looking for ideas for the birth – 5 age group. All activities must fall under the following strands: Leadership, Professional Learning, Continuity and Alignment, Interventions and Assessments.
  - b. Nancy Boyd – County Proclamation for Month of the Child will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- c. David - MD was selected to participate in the Zero to Three Early Childhood Mental Health Policy Convening.
- d. Janet – shared a listing of MSDE resources.
- e. Miriam Dobson – Will share information via email regarding an asthma and lead based paint focused home visiting program.
- f. Barbara May – Reducing the Impact of Incarceration through Education and Coaching program will hold three workshops in April. Topics will include how to help address children’s emotions when parents are incarcerated. One on one coaching is also available. Barbara will share dates via email.
- g. Darcy’s and Alison’s Social Skills development group is open. Will send resources to share. 5-8 age range is where the most needs have been seen.
- h. Pilar Olivo– Currently working on project with the Child Advocacy Center (CAC). The CAC has received funding to provide support to children that are exposed to law enforcement activity.
- i. Leslie Barnes-Keating - Shared information about the Youth Resources Fair that will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> from 11am – 2pm at the FSK Mall Youth serving agencies will be on hand to share program information.

### **Subcommittee Meetings – 2:00**

- Adverse Childhood Experiences
  - Raising awareness of the impact of ACEs on our community
- ReadyRosie
  - Evidence Based Practice in Parent Engagement

### **Adjourn**

#### **Next Meeting – April 5, 2018**

*Minutes Recorder – Steve Buckley*

*Presentation – FMH Women’s and Children’s Services – Martha Gurzick*

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