

**Howard County's Local Children's Board
Meeting Minutes
3/19/19**

Attendees

	Charmayne Anderson, Community (excused)	√	Khiem Doan, Youth Member		Mary Mukherjee, MSDE (excused)
	Fayth Bowie, Youth Member (excused)	√	Dawn Duignan, Community		Lisa Myers, HCPD (excused)
√	Karen Butler, DSS		Father Fazolini, Community (excused)	√	Edisa Padder, Community (excused)
√	John Byrd, DRP	√	Hector Garcia, FIRN (excused)	√	Melissa Rosenberg, Autism Society
√	Erica Byrne, Voices for Children	√	Rich Gibson, States Attorney		Maura Rossman, Health Department
√	Kelly Cimino, DHCD	√	Tonya Kennon, Library	√	Jackie Scott, DCRS (excused)
√	Bitia Dayhoff, CAC	√	Tim Madden, DJS	√	Francine Trout, Office of Workforce
			Michael Martirano, HCPSS (excused)		

Staff: Candace Ball, Sucora Best, Marsha Dawson, Kim Eisenreich, Trent Hall, Valerie Harvey, Kori Jones, Marchelle LeBlanc

Public Attendees: Vanda Lerdboon, HD; Jimmy Kwak, County Admin; Keith McGuire, community; Qureshi Mariah, community; Hannah Gonzalez, community; Tanisha Robinson, DORS; Mauricio Lopez, community; Joshua Chang, community; Uzair Ahmad, community

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Roll Call Conducted

Charmayne Anderson, Fayth Bowie, Father Fazolini, Mary Mukherjee, Chief Lisa Myers, Dr. Martirano – Excused

Consent Agenda

Approval of February 2019 Minutes – Motion made by Kelly, seconded by Erica; all approved

Committee and Program Updates

Executive and Equity Committee – John

Erica's reappointment will go before County Council next month.

The committee discussed and decided to utilize the June 19th annual meeting for strategic planning, tacking on a couple of additional hours for a day-long retreat. Due East Partners, LLC has worked with several Local Management Boards and will facilitate the process and develop the Community Plan.

GOC is continuing its requirement of a negotiation meeting as part of the NOFA process. This year's meeting will take place on May 7, 2019, 10-12:30 pm in Crownsville. John invited board members to participate in the process since there is no set maximum of board participants. John, Dawn, Jackie, Melissa will attend; Erica agreed to be a backup.

John called for a motion for the reappointment of Erica Byrne and approval of the strategic planning timeline as recommended by the EC – Motion made by Dawn, seconded by Bitia; all approved.

The Equity Report has been finalized and was released by the County Executive on March 12th. REI will present Phase I training in April and May; board members were reminded to register. A follow up to last year's Government Alliance for Race Equity conference will be held on May 9th at the Columbia Sheraton.

Food Access – Karen

The Committee met and finalized details for the Spring Distribution of the hot meal access sites during Spring Break 2019. Additionally, they are finalizing marketing materials, developing locations for hot meal access sites for summer, as well as locations for Weekend Warrior snack pack distribution.

During the Federal Government shutdown, DCRS hosted a Furlough Event for those impacted by the shutdown. 156 backpack bags from the Roving Radish were distributed for kids and families which served/represented a total of 83 families.

Mental Health, Healthy Families, and BYR – Dawn

The *Mental Health* Community Advisory Council (MHCAC) collaborating across systems to bring awareness, reduce stigma, and increase access to behavioral/mental health resources in Howard County. The Council has also been working diligently across 3 workgroups including Education and Training, Directories and Interventions, and Campaigns and Promotions.

The *Healthy Families* program has served 56 families and has conducted 414 home visits to date. Staff continues to address challenges related to recruitment of families, outreach, and marketing.

BYR program still faces referral challenges despite increased outreach efforts; to date the program has served 11 youth. They have established a partnership with the Choice Jobs program and continue to offer case management support at the Homewood Center.

Choice Jobs and Getting Ahead – Erica

The *Choice Jobs* program is currently serving 13 disconnected youth. They continue to prioritize the recruitment, onboarding, and training of the HC Choice Jobs new staff. A meeting with Starbucks District Manager was held to discuss future partnership and organize a hiring fair for participants of the program.

Getting Ahead is an outgrowth program from the Bridges Out of Poverty initiative, initiated by the Howard County Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency. The Bridges Out of Poverty Training provides a framework for service providers to examine how they view and treat those in poverty. To date, over 200 county residents have graduated from this 8-week program and more than 400 service providers and community leaders have provided training on the framework.

Strengthening Families and HCPSS Grant – Melissa

The *Strengthening Families* Model Program will not be implemented in FY19. Instead of the Strengthening Families Model Program, two-day Train the Trainer Supporting Youth and Families Impacted by Incarceration Trainings (*Community Based & School Based*) will be provided.

HCPSS Grant program - The goal of the grant program in partnership with HCPSS is to improve access and opportunity to all Howard County children and youth. This program offers a rolling grant process for youth led proposals to address racial equity, mental health, or closing the opportunity and achievement gaps. To date the program has awarded approximately \$118,000.

County Budget Proposal - Kim

The Department of Community Resources and Services presented a FY20 funding request to the county executive. The \$400,000 request was presented as three buckets with funding for Mental and Behavioral Health; Academic and Social Emotional Learning Supports; and Community Engagement.

Learning Agenda

Care App presented by Vanda Lerdboon – an internet tool for community providers that helps find community services, connect clients with community providers and will identify new client needs over time. Currently, most usage of the Care App centers mostly around health referrals and transportation.

Suicide Prevention Campaign by Maura – developed by the Health Department to eliminate both youth suicide attempts and suicide deaths in our county. Suicide was the leading cause of death for youth ages 15-19 in Howard County between 2014-2016. A five pillar, evidence-based plan was created to address youth suicide: increasing awareness and reducing stigma, prevention, early identification and intervention, referral to treatment and post-vention. Campaign materials are available at <http://teenhealthmatters.org/get-help-now/mental-health/>.

Developing Rapport Among Students by Mt. Hebron ESL/AP Spanish Students – students discussed their transformative experience after participating in program facilitated by Trent Hall. The program taught students communication skills that increased their awareness of how they interact with people as well as their connectedness to the class.

LCT case review presented by Dawn. Board members reviewed, discussed, and offered feedback for potential additional resources for the client.

Announcements

- John reminded board members to complete the doodle poll for Phase I REI training.
- Tonya announced the Library's Art Education Collection. Framed prints from famous artists like Picasso and Georgia O'Keefe are available for borrowing.
- Youth Opportunities Fair being held at Long Reach H.S. this Saturday, March 23rd from 11-2.
- Board Self-Assessment via online tool will launch May 6, 2019.

Adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Motion made by Kelly, seconded by Erica.

Next Meeting: May 19, 2019