

**Howard County's Local Children's Board  
Meeting Minutes  
5/21/19**

**Attendees**

√	Charmayne Anderson, Community	√	Khiem Doan, Youth Member	√	Sharon Afework, MSDE
√	Fayth Bowie, Youth Member	√	Dawn Duignan, Community	√	Lisa Myers, HCPD
√	Karen Butler, DSS		Father Fazolini, Community (excused)	√	Edisa Padder, Community
√	John Byrd, DRP		Hector Garcia, FIRN	√	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
	Bitia Dayhoff, CAC	√	Tim Madden, DJS	√	Francine Trout, Office of Workforce
			Michael Martirano, HCPSS		

*Staff: Candace Ball, Sucora Best, Marsha Dawson, Kim Eisenreich, Benjamin Barnwell, Valerie Harvey, Marchelle LeBlanc  
Public Attendees: Dr. Diane Martin, CAC; James LeMon, HCPSS, Raul Delerne, DRP, Tanisha Robinson, DORS; Yolanda Vazquez, State's Attorney Office*

**Meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.**

**Roll Call Conducted**

Bitia Dayhoff, Father Fazolini, Hector Garcia, Tonya Kennon, Dr. Rossman, Kelly Cimino, Dr. Martirano – Excused

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of March 2019 Minutes – Motion made by John, seconded by Jackie; all approved

Nomination and Approval of Dawn Duignan as Chair – Motion made by Jackie; seconded by Erica – all approved

**Committee and Program Updates**

Executive and Equity Committee – John

The board is currently accepting applications for youth member representation. Khiem's term will conclude in May and Fayth will continue and begin her second term. So far four youth have expressed interest and all were invited to observe May's board meeting. The committee also discussed the idea of increasing engagement opportunities for youth members specific to their interests. Recruitment efforts for representation from the faith and Asian community will continue over summer.

Just over half of the Board was able to participate in the Racial Equity Institute's two-day training called Phase One earlier this month. Leadership from the Department of Community Resources and Services as well as some community leaders joined Board members for this training.

The equity committee also discussed a dissemination plan for the Equity Report. We have contracted with Collaborative Communications Group (the authors of the report) to create a PowerPoint slide deck as well as a one-pager about the report that we will be able to use in the dissemination of the report.

Food Access – Karen

Spring Break Meals and Snacks: Distribution took place on April 15 – 18, from 11:30 AM until 1 PM at Bain Center, Howard County Library System East Columbia Branch and the North Laurel Community Center.

The Committee finalized the locations for the **hot meal access sites** during the summer:

- Wilde Lake MS; Deep Run, Ducketts Lane, and Stevens Forest Elementary Schools – 12:30pm – 1:30pm

- Mayfield Woods and Oakland Mills Middle Schools – 11:30am – 12:30pm
- Atholton and Hammond High Schools – 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Mobile Sites: Tuesday, June 25 through Wednesday, August 21

- Jeffers Hill Elementary School parking lot – 11:30am – 12:30pm
- Phelps Luck Elementary School parking lot – 12:30pm – 1:30pm
- Swansfield Elementary School parking lot – 11:30am – 12:00pm
- Howard high School parking lot – 1:15pm – 2:15pm
- Wilde Lake Tennis Club parking lot – 12:15pm – 12:45pm

Community Sites: Tuesday, June 25 – Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

- Howard County Library System – East Columbia Branch – 12:00pm – 1:30pm

We are finalizing the four **Weekend Warrior Snack Packs** sites:

- 1) Oakland Mills Middle School – 11:30am – 12:30pm
- 2) *Swansfield Elementary School – 11:30am – 12:30pm\**
- 3) Deep Run Elementary School – 1:00pm – 2:00pm
- 4) East Columbia Library Branch – 1:00pm – 2:00pm

*\*Still finalizing these sites, the Board will be notified during the June annual business meeting of the final sites.*

#### Mental Health, PRP, and BYR – Dawn

Most recently, the council has been a part of the launch of both the Health Department’s Youth Suicide Prevention Campaign and the Horizon Foundation’s Mental Health Awareness Campaign. Additionally, the council has been working to inform the participants about resources in the county for youth and families facing behavioral/mental health challenges with presentations from HC Drug Free, the Local Care Team, NAMI, Howard County General Hospital and The Health Department.

The Local Children’s Board is currently completing a Youth Behavioral Health Landscape Analysis with Hoover Behavioral Health. This analysis seeks to gain understanding from Howard County community partners and caregivers on the awareness of, access to, and quality of behavioral/mental health services in Howard County.

Therapeutic Connections is providing psychiatric rehabilitation services for youth with serious behavioral and or emotional disturbances. The youth are referred by a licensed professional based on a screening, assessment or ongoing treatment of the youth. To date the program currently serves four clients while BYR serves 14.

The mental health programming has shifted 100% to county funding for FY20. The Department’s goal is to increase the numbers, outreach, education, and referral help. Jackie asked for an all hands-on deck approach from agencies so that we reach those in need.

- Dr. Padder will take outreach materials to her Pediatric meeting
- Fran will make an announcement at her staff meeting

#### Choice Jobs – Charmayne

The *Choice Jobs* program is currently serving 14 youth. They continue to establish relationships with the youth and work to develop partnerships for hiring and training opportunities.

#### Healthy Families – Melissa

Program highlights include MOU between FCS and Howard County Department of Social Services for the HFA Child Welfare Adaptation shared with DSS. Signatures are pending and HFHC partnered with CareApp and completed the on-boarding process. They have also begun receiving referrals and continue to implement outreach strategies.

### Getting Ahead – Erica

The Getting Ahead groups enable people in poverty to investigate how it affects their personal resources and what goals and actions are needed to improve them. More than 400 service providers and community leaders have been provided free training in the Bridges Out of Poverty framework and several have begun to use the program to make client-centered changes in service delivery. Sessions are planned from now until October at various host sites like DSS, DCRS, Office of Workforce Development and two elementary schools.

### NOFA Committee - Melissa

The negotiation meeting took place and was attended by John, Dawn, Melissa, Jackie, Kim, and Marsha. The team fielded approximately 30 clarifying questions; additional information was requested and has already been sent to GOC. Award notifications will go out on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Overall, our average score was 90.3.

### Learning Agenda

*Howard County State's Attorney Office* - Rich provided a comprehensive overview of the Office, how crimes are prosecuted and the role of the grand jury. The SAO also conducts activities outside of the courtroom such as high school moot court competitions, simulated congressional hearings, training and speaking events in the community, and teaching at the police academy.

*CASA* - Erica presented on Voices for Children whose mission is to recruit, train, and supervise community volunteers to become Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA's). She also discussed Fostering Futures, a program under Voices for Children and in partnership with DSS that connect young people aging out of foster care with community resources. Howard County is fortunate enough to have a CASA worker for every foster child in the county.

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

### **Announcements**

- The board self-assessment survey went live on May 6<sup>th</sup>. John reminded board members to take the survey.
- James announced since implementing social work services, over 600 school referrals have been received with more than 150 actually receiving services. He also acknowledged the beginning of graduations.
- Office of Workforce Development will be conducting a career and job fair on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 11-2 at Oakland Mills HS
- Sharon reported an increase in child care subsidy; said new policies and procedures will soon follow.

### **Adjourned at 11:15 a.m.**

Motion made by Melissa, seconded by Erica.

**Next Meeting: June 18, 2019**