

**Howard County's Local Children's Board
Meeting Minutes
2/19/19**

Attendees

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

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

Public Attendees: Capt. Jim Marshall, HCPD; Charles Winchester, Choice; Valerie Mathis, DCRS; Russell Bunn, Choice; James LeMon, HCPSS; Tanisha Robinson, DORS; Zeevelle Nottingham-Lemon, Choice; Kim DiMarco, FCS; Heather Sherbert, FCS

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

Roll Call Conducted

Bitia, Dawn, Father Fazolini, Tonya, Tim, Dr. Martirano – Excused

Consent Agenda

Approval of November 2018 and January 2019 Minutes – Motion made by Erica, seconded by Melissa; all approved

Introduction to State of the Board

John provided an overview of the purpose of state of the board citing it as an opportunity to hear directly from funded programs their outcomes, successes, and challenges.

LCB Overview Presentation

There was no formal PowerPoint presentation provided as originally planned, however Kim provided a quick overview of the Office of the Local Children's Board and all programs funded by multiple sources beyond GOC.

Program Presentations

Roving Radish/Weekend Warrior – James Zoller introduced the RR as a revenue based, Howard County government farm to table program that aims to offer healthier food options and reduce childhood obesity. He reported this year being the first-year vegetarian kits were offered which has led to families purchasing two kits instead of one. The Weekend Warrior program has provided over 740 snack packs to kids. Challenges to both programs include awareness of program, volunteers, and space availability. Board members offered the following suggestions:

- Utilize YouTube for marketing
- Partner with CAC
- Offer cooking demonstrations
- Utilize the Youth Opportunities Fair for outreach
- Offered to connect with USDA for grant funding

Choice Jobs- Charles Winchester and Russel Bunn presented the Choice Jobs program which offer 90-day cycles of supports for youth ages 16-24 who require assistance finding and maintaining employment. Since starting in December, as Howard County's two case managers for the program, they have 9 active referrals. Their goal is to reach 40 referrals for services by June 2019. To do this they have partnered with local schools including Wilde Lake High and Homewood Center. The program offers assistance getting documents needed for employment, job search, interview skill-building, social media do's and don'ts and other tools and hands-on training needed for youth. Board members offered the following suggestions:

- Inform and present to HCPSS social workers
- Meet with Workforce Development to avoid program duplication
- Offered to discuss this program with the Howard County Chamber of Commerce

Building Youth Resiliency- Heather Sherbert from Family and Children Services presented on the Building Youth Resiliency program. This program provides intensive case management, medication management, therapeutic services, and client assistance for youth ages 16-24 with behavioral health needs. The program continues to make connections with community partners for referrals. Case managers are currently on-site at Homewood Center and Lake Elkhorn once per week to meet with families and children. Board members offered the following suggestions:

- Send referrals to local pediatricians who can refer patients

Healthy Families- Kim DiMarco presented Healthy Families with Family and Children Services. This program provides services, including home visits to new parents and their child in Howard County. Healthy Families America program aims to prevent child abuse by offering services to expectant and new parents in need of support for the first 3-5 years of the child's life. In the first 6 months of 2019, the program has enrolled 37 participants and completed 278 home visits. Board members offered the following suggestions:

- Send referral information to partners in the health and school sectors
- Connect with other boards to increase awareness of the program

NOFA Discussion and Vote

Kim provided an overview of FY20 NOFA recommendations brought forth by the NOFA committee.

- Board reviewed the FY20 budget and was given the opportunity to ask final questions.
- Approval of NOFA recommendations - Motion made by Maura, seconded by Hector; all approved

Announcements

- John reminded board members to complete the doodle poll for Phase I REI training. Board members that missed Groundwater training were given the option of participating alongside DCRS staff on March 6th or with the community on March 9th.

Adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

– Motion made by Kelly, seconded by Erica