

Howard County's Local Children's Board

Meeting Minutes

1/21/20

Attendees

√	Dawn Duignan, Community		Charmayne Anderson, Community		Sharon Afework, MSDE
√	Francine Trout, Office of Workforce Development	√	Jackie Scott, DCRS	√	Lisa Myers, HCPD
	Fayth Bowie, Youth Member		Father Fazolini, Community	√	Edisa Padder, Community
√	Erica Byrne, Voices for Children	√	Susan Ostradovec, FIRN	√	Melissa Rosenberg, Autism Society
√	Kelly Cimino, DHCD	√	Rich Gibson, States Attorney		Maura Rossman, Health Department
	Bitu Dayhoff, CAC	√	Tonya Aikens, Library		
	Tim Madden, DJS		Michael Martirano, HCPSS		
√	Raul Delerme, DRP				

Staff: Candace Ball, Sucora Best, Marsha Dawson, Kim Eisenreich, Valerie Harvey, Marchelle LeBlanc, Tristan Cooper, Benjamin Barnwell

Public Attendees: Jarrett Carter, DCRS; Dana Carr, LTYC; Kaya Swann, OCF; Debbie Yare, OCF; Eric Ford, Choice; Carla Lunn, OCF; James Zoller, Roving Radish; Tonya Culkins, HCLS; Colleen Nester, HCHD; Lisa Davis, HCPSS; Lanlan Xu, GC; Donna Sturdivant, GC; Barbie Johnson-Lewis, GC; Regina Coleman, OMMS; Trenee Watson, Choice; Brianna Hughes, LCB Youth; Mike Demidenko, DSS

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

Roll Call

Charmayne Anderson, Fayth Bowie, Tim Madden, Maura Rossman - Excused

Consent Agenda

Approval of November 2019 Minutes – Motion made by Rich seconded by Dawn; all approved

Review and Refine Community Plan

The group worked to refine Vision/Mission statements, the executive will review at their next meeting, but additional thoughts and feedback should be emailed to Marsha or Due East Partners

Proposed: All children, youth and families in our community have what they need to thrive. **Or**
All children, youth and families in our community have equitable opportunities to thrive.

Mission Statement

Proposed: Bringing together our community and sharing resources to improve the lives of all children, youth and families in Howard County.

Due East led the Board through an exercise to streamline priorities, strategies and results for the Community Plan. They also discussed next steps with bringing the board and guiding coalition together and obtaining community input through community conversations. The first conversation is scheduled for Thursday, February 13th at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center. Board members were encouraged to spread the word.

Program Presentations

Roving Radish

- Provided office and packing space in old Bushy Park Elementary School
- Meal kit sales have increased slightly
- Howard County General Hospital, one of the larger sites
- Monday is a more popular day to purchase the meal kits
- More families are traveling to various sites to purchase meal kits
 - **Weekend Warrior Program**
 - Total participating families: 405
 - Total participating children: 1163
 - Marketing - using A frame signs at various locations to increase knowledge of the program

Summer Scholars

- Provides academic support in English, Language Arts, Math and Social/Emotional Learning to rising 6th, 7th and 8th graders
- Academics are offered in the morning, enrichment in the afternoon
- Goal of the program is to ensure successful transition to high school as close to on grade level as possible
 - **Rise Academy**
 - Provided individual support and social/emotional learning opportunities
 - Pre and post tests show growth in all domain areas

Choice Jobs Program

- Serves youth aged 13-24
- Referrals through the Department of Juvenile Services, Howard County Public Schools, Department of Social Services and other community partners
- Develop and maintain partnerships with local community employers to ensure job placement opportunities

Building Youth Resiliency – Center for Children

- Care coordination: mental health, case management for children and youth
- Services offered in the home
- Referrals taken from HCPSS, DSS and DJS and directly from families
 - **Therapeutic Connections**
 - Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program
 - Serves children and youth 3-24
 - Services provided in-home or in the community
 - Families may self-refer
 - Referrals are also received through HCPSS, DSS and DJS

NOFA Presentation and Vote

Kim gave an overview of the entire LCB budget which includes GOC, General Funds, and HoCo STRIVES funding sources. She brought forth funding recommendations from the NOFA committee.

- Food Access Recommendation – motion made by Rich and seconded by Melissa; all approved
- Equity Recommendation – motion made by Melissa and seconded by Erica; all approved
- Summer Scholars Recommendation – motion made by Erica and seconded by Rich; all approved
- Workforce Readiness and Employment Recommendation – motion made by Kelly and seconded by Erica; all approved

Adjourned at 11:20 a.m

Next Meeting: March 17, 2020