

## Howard County's Local Children's Board

### Meeting Minutes

5/18/21

#### Attendees

√	Dawn Duignan, Community	√	Charmayne Anderson, Community		Sharon Afework, Office of Child Care
√	Francine Trout, Office of Workforce Development	√	Jackie Scott, DCRS	√	Lisa Myers, HCPD
	Fayth Bowie, Youth		Mike Mitchell, FIRN		Co-Tu Doan, Youth
√	Erica Byrne, Voices for Children	√	Rich Gibson, States Attorney	√	Melissa Rosenberg, Autism Society
	Kelly Cimino, DHCD		Tonya Aikens, Library	√	Maura Rossman, Health Department
√	Bitu Dayhoff, CAC		Michael Martirano, HCPSS	√	Wendell McKay, Community
√	Tim Madden, DJS	√	Stephen Liggett-Creel, DSS	√	Lanlan Xu, Community
√	Raul Delerme, DRP	√	Adelina Yoon, Youth		

*Staff: Candace Ball, Marsha Dawson, Triston Cooper, Sucora Best, Jasmine Wigginton, Ben Barnwell, Valerie Harvey, Marchelle LeBlanc, Kaya Swann OCF; Carla Lunn, OCF; Erin Bonzon, OCF; Lisa Rhodes, OCF;*

*Public Attendees: James LeMon, HCPSS; Andy Masters, GC; Donna Sturdivant, GC; Jordan Diacumakos, Aetna; Denise Boston, Office of Human Rights and Equity*

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

#### **Roll Call**

Fayth Bowie, Tonya Aikens, Co-Tu Doan, Kelly Cimino, Sharon Afework, Co-Tu Doan - Excused

#### **Consent Agenda – Motion made by Stephen; Seconded by Melissa**

Approval of March 2021 Minutes

#### **Program Updates and Committee Reports**

##### Food Access-Roving Radish

- Provided over 600 meals and grocery boxes
- Targeting Deep Run and Howard Crossing areas
- Partnering with farms to donate greens and eggs
- Challenges
  - Communication-website update & developing email distribution list
  - Transportation

##### Workforce Development

- Expecting 100 youth in the summer program
- Offering a hybrid program
- Challenges
  - Businesses having trouble finding employees

##### HoCo Scholars

- Over 90 students served
- Bain Center closed as students returned to school

- Ellicott City and North Laurel saw highest numbers of participants, 36 and 32 respectively

#### Getting Ahead

- 37 new Getting Ahead graduates, 13 youth graduates
- Offered virtual groups for Getting Ahead, Staying Ahead, and Youth programs
- 50+ group ongoing, upcoming graduation, wellness series and other events
- Group for Spanish speakers starting in July

#### Building Youth Resilience/Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program

- Building partnerships through community meetings
- 42 youth served in BYR - 94% received mental health services
- 7 youth served in PRP-over 162 sessions
- Challenges
  - Seeking employees-bilingual therapists & psychiatrists
  - Completion of paperwork, particularly foreign-born

#### Mental Health/LCT

- Families languishing, lack of motivation for middle and high schoolers due to COVID-19
- Focus on providers' self-care
- LCT-new directives
  - Prevention of hospitalization overstay
  - Universal referral form
  - Meeting Requirements
  - Criteria population for LCT review
  - Universal hospital discharge and planning protocol
- Increase in referrals for 18-21year olds with dual diagnosis
- Case Review-19-year-old, female
  - Dual diagnosis
  - Unsafe behavior in the community
  - Waiting for DDA services
  - Hospitalized many times
  - Gaps in services leading to hospital overstay
    - Recommendations for crisis support services
      - Walk-ins at Sheppard Pratt
      - Maryland Coalition for Families

#### Board Engagement/Community Plan Discussion-Due East

- Findings & recommendations-Three priority areas
  - Affordable and quality education and training
  - Increase inclusiveness, awareness and coordination of resources
  - Access to affordable and quality behavioral health care
- Key Takeaways
  - Board to be more actively engaged through alignment and collaboration
  - Increase communication
  - Turn community plan into a plan of action
- Restructuring recommendations
  - Disband NOFA committee
  - Restructure agenda-align with community plan

- Guiding Coalition
  - Amplify community voices
- Staff
  - Support work groups-advance strategies and identify potential partners
  - Track data and report progress
- Work Groups
  - Guiding Coalition, residents and community partners work on priorities- education/training and mental/behavioral health
  - LCT-serves as resource and referral hub

## **Announcements/Updates**

### **HCPSS-**

- 2021-2022 school year will reopen with students attending five days per week, 180 days in-person instruction-virtual alternative available for families
- 99% of staff have been vaccinated, vaccination for students 16+
- Digital Education Center-fully virtual setting with a variety of courses offered, 1500 students enrolled
- Summer school options-BSAP Summer Institute, G/T Summer Institute, Innovative Pathways, Star Talk, full day options available

**Voices for Children** – Preparing policy regarding marijuana cards for parents

**Department of Social Services** – Child Protective Services/Adult Protective Services to identify the county in which the call originates

**HC Police Department** – Hosting youth police academy overnight camp for 15-18 years old June 27-July 2

**Department of Community Resources and Services** – Gradually reopening, 50+ Center services by appointment only, OCF opening for required in-person training for early childhood professionals starting in June

**Columbia Housing Center** - new organization to aid families in finding housing that promotes racial/social integration

**States Attorney Office** - Some trials resumed, moving to new courthouse in July

**Adelina** - Rainbow Conference held May 15, difficulty connecting with behavioral health services, upcoming New Town Hall hosted by students

**Adjourned at 11:08 a.m.**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 15, 2021**