

Howard County's Local Children's Board

Meeting Minutes

6/15/21

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
√	Bitia 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; Sharee Campbell, Multi Service Center

Public Attendees: James LeMon, HCPSS; Andy Masters, GC; Donna Sturdivant, GC; Kathie Williams, Getting Ahead; Shereima Smith, HCPSS; Colleen Nester, HD;

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 Erica Byrne; Seconded by Stephen Liggett-Cree

Approval of May 2021 Minutes

Approval of Updated By-Laws

Approval of FY22 Meeting Schedule

Nominations for Open Seats

- Chair
- 2 Vice Chairs

Food Access

- Partnering with the Office of Aging and Independence for food distribution to Elkridge Mobile Park July 22
- Lisbon Summer Program July 8-August 12

HoCo Scholars

- Five sites provided additional support for students along with transportation

Workforce Development

- Partnered with HCPSS for independent electrical contractors to provide pre-apprenticeships

- Three students from Howard HS and Hammond HS are participating in program with a goal to complete apprenticeships

Getting Ahead

- Graduates of Getting Ahead shared experiences
 - Provided tools and resources to handle finances
 - Became facilitators for Getting Ahead Program

Building Youth Resilience/Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program

- Seeking a Case Manger Supervisor

Mental Health/LCT

Mental Health Community Action Council

- Continued effort to reach families and provide services
- Focus on addressing COVID concerns
 - Working with children virtually
 - Un-reporting concerns
 - Children and youth activities paused
 - Self-care

Local Care Team

- 29 cases reviewed as of 6/9/21, up 45% from FY 20
- 20 cases using technical assistance
- FY21 utilization of flex funds - \$17,502.02

Youth Behavioral Roadmap

- Goal to have hard copy by August

Center for Children case example

- 7yr old referred by HCPSS, needing care coordination and wrap around services
- Adjustment disorder with anxiety
- Family completed Plan of Action
 - Child in therapy
 - Father in peer support program
 - Mother in therapy
- Identified and provided coping skills

Learning Agenda – Andy Masters, GC

- Columbia Housing Center-focus on social integration through housing
- Rental Referral Services-match home seekers with available rental units which contribute to diverse neighborhoods
- Build upon racial and economic diversity

Announcements/Updates

Health Department

Vaccination Continues

- 80.5% of residents 12-up received at least one dose
- 73% completely vaccinated
- Working with summer programs to provide vaccinations

DCRS

- Increasing services by appointment only
- Series of grants to assist with food distribution and utilities

HCPSS

- In-person graduations resumed, over 4,000 students graduated

Recreation and Parks

- Registration for summer programs going well
- Blandair Park has opened phase three a playground for all children and all abilities

Community Action Council

- Applications for housing and utility assistance continue to rise, 40 applications per week
- The Bauder Education Center at Long Reach has opened

HCPD

- Pilot program coming soon Communications Initiated Referral to Crisis (CIRC)
- Divert calls for mental health crisis to Grassroots, no need for the police

FIRN

- High school students to connect with immigrant community regarding vaccinations
- New program provides legal advice for immigrants detained by ICE
- Summer events include DACA Day, recruiting pro bono attorneys to provide services

DSS

- Reaching out to families in the Deep Run Mobile Park and Howard Crossing to share information about Summer SNAP
- New 800 number is coming to CPS/APS
- Funds available for those aging out of foster care
- Father support group for dads whose children are in foster care or have a child support case