Howard County’s Local Children’s Board
Meeting Minutes
11/16/21

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 |
| √ | Regina Clay, Community | Mike Mitchell, FIRN | Melissa Rosenberg, Autism Society |
| √ | Erica Byrne, Voices for Children | Rich Gibson, States Attorney | Maura Rossman, Health Department |
| | Kelly Cimino, DHCD | Tonya Aikens, Library | Wendell McKay, Community |
| | Bita Dayhoff, CAC | Michael Martirano, HCPSS | |
| | Tim Madden, DJS | Stephen Liggett-Creel, DSS | |
| | Raul Delerme, DRP | | Adelina Yoon, Youth |

Staff: Kim Candace Ball, Marsha Dawson, Sucora Best, Jasmine Wigginton, Valerie Harvey, Carla Lunn
Public Attendees: James LeMon, HCPSS; Andy Masters, GC; Andrew James, GC; Delmonica Hawkins, DJS; Sarah Ramsey and Lauren Maddox, DEP; Denise Boston, OHR; Danielle Tobin, HCPSS; James Zoller, Roving Radish; Allison Lewis, DJS; Jermira Sarratt, OWD; Donna Sturdivant, GC; Shereima Smith, GC; Jason Zhao, GC; Valencia Wood, GC

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

Roll Call
Charmayne Anderson, Fran Trout, Kelly Cimino, Tim Madden, Raul Delerme, Rich Gibson, Wendell McKay - Excused

Consent Agenda – Quorum not met; minutes not approved
September 2021 Minutes

Program Updates/Committee Reports/Storytelling
Workforce Youth Program Presentation – Jermira Sarratt, Office of Workforce Development
- 82 participants- 30 LCB, 12 Summer Scholars, 40 other braided funding
- Successes
  - Incorporated in-person work sites
  - Used two virtual platforms
- Challenges
  - Difficulty providing hands-on experience and keeping youth engaged
  - Availability of in-person worksites

Food Access Presentation and Vote – James Zoller, Roving Radish
Approval of new food program – Motion made by Erica; Second by Regina
- Transition from COVID-19 Relief Program
- Those helped with access issues reduced to 20 families
- New Roving Radish Marketplace (Healthy Food Access Program)-100 families registered

Getting Ahead – Melissa
• One participant secured housing through Bridges to Housing Stability
• Two participants accessed services at the MultiService Center

Behavioral Health/LCT – Dawn
• 3 cases referred for inpatient services-served through community-based services
• Governor’s Office on Crime Prevention Youth and Victim Services-new data collection tool for LCTs
• Chinese American Parent Association reached out to discuss mental health and wellness among Asian American community

BYR/PRP – Dawn
• Very high satisfaction rates for youth in program and parents
• Impact story-Catherine
  o Diagnosed with schizophrenia
  o Symptoms of depression, self-isolation, aggression
  o Currently receiving outpatient treatment
  o Goals-identify positive ways to make friends, use direct eye contact, maintain personal space

Impact Review – Facilitated by Due East Partners
• Proposed workflow-what is our impact? Are strategies working?
  o January-support of community plan and upcoming fiscal year
  o March-Priority 2 improve inclusiveness, awareness and coordination of resources
  o May-Priority 1 affordable and quality education and training
  o July-annual review and assessment of impact
  o September-Priority 3 access to affordable and quality behavioral health care
  o November-discussion on state of the board and community plan
• Data Dive Key Themes
  o Children and youth will be successful in school and life
    ▪ Significant gaps in school readiness-not enough resources targeted towards English Language Learners
    ▪ Mental health contributes to middle school chronic absenteeism
    ▪ Significant higher rates of youth unemployment-mental health is a barrier
  o Children, youth and families are healthy and thriving
    ▪ Social media believed to play a role in middle school students considering suicide
    ▪ Increase in emergency department visits
    ▪ Behavioral health navigation has increased
  o Families are safe and economically stable
    ▪ Lack of adequate subsidies to meet the high cost of child care
    ▪ High cost of living and eligibility are contributing factors for food insecure children
    ▪ High cost of living in the county compared to federal poverty level is a contributing factor for ALICE population
• Breakout Groups
  o Group 1
    ▪ how do we know whose needs we’re not meeting, who are we missing?
    ▪ Are we reactive or preventative in our approach?
  o Group 2
    ▪ Analysis to look at the fiscal impact and programmatic data
    ▪ Use a common scale to evaluate programs
    ▪ Look at gaps such as kindergarten readiness, what is the board’s role and understanding
  o Group 3
- Educate families about mental health especially across cultures
- Partner with the faith-based community to reach families
  - Group 4
    - Engage youth and parents
    - Look at the county in a wholistic way, what are the needs of the county not just specified areas

**Learning Agenda**
- Regina Clay
  - Pastor of Life Changing AME church
  - Received Horizon grant for diabetes awareness and mental health
- Jason Zhao, Guiding Coalition
  - Board member of Volunteen, promotes high school students volunteering in the community

**Announcements/Updates**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 18, 2022