

Howard County's Local Children's Board

Meeting Minutes

4/21/20

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		Father Fazolini, Community		Edisa Padder, Community
√	Erica Byrne, Voices for Children	√	Mike Mitchell, FIRN	√	Melissa Rosenberg, Autism Society
√	Kelly Cimino, DHCD	√	Rich Gibson, States Attorney		Maura Rossman, Health Department
	Bitu Dayhoff, CAC	√	Tonya Aikens, Library	√	Brianna Hughes, Youth
√	Tim Madden, DJS		Michael Martirano, HCPSS		Co-Tu Doan, Youth
√	Raul Delorme, DRP				

Staff: Candace Ball, Sucora Best, Marsha Dawson, Kim Eisenreich, Marchelle LeBlanc, Tristan Cooper, Benjamin Barnwell, Jasmine Wigginton, Carla Lunn

Public Attendees: James LeMon, HCPSS; Lisa Davis, HCPSS; Lanlan Xu, GC; Seema Agarwal Harding, GC; Shereima Smith, GC; Andy Masters, GC

Meeting called to order at 11:05 a.m.

Roll Call

Lisa Myers, Edisa Padder, Maura Rossman - Excused

Consent Agenda

Approval of January 2020 Minutes – Motion made by Rich seconded by Dawn; all approved

FY20 Budget Reallocation

Cost savings due to Covid-19

- Reimbursement from conferences, seminars and registration fees
- Mileage related to inter-county travel for conferences and seminars LCB staff would have attended
- Contractual services
- Race equity work postponed until FY21

Reallocation Request

- LCB requested to shift dollars to the Office of Community Sustainability to respond to food access needs due to COVID-19.
 - Qualified families are provided 4 free meal kits through Roving Radish-referrals come through the CARE Line or MAP
 - Free fresh grocery kits via Coastal Sunbelt
 - Free delivery to families without transportation
 - Groceries and home delivery to hard to reach populations-connect with community partners to meet these needs

FY21 Budget

GOC Dollars

I.	Administrative Support	\$140,049
II.	Voices for Change	\$6,000
III.	Local Care Team Coordinator	\$81,000
IV.	Food Access	\$78,000
	Vendor: Office of Community Sustainability	
V.	Equity	\$80,000
VI.	Summer Scholars	\$69,000 per site
	Vendors: HCPSS & Leaders for Tomorrow Youth Center	
VII.	Workforce Readiness and Employment	\$65,000
	Vendor: Office of Workforce Development	
VIII.	Workforce Readiness Landscape and Gap Analysis	\$10,000

Non-GOC Dollars

I.	Mental Health	
a.	Building Youth Resiliency	\$125,000
	Vendor: Center for Children	
b.	Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program	\$75,000
	Vendor: Therapeutic Connections	
c.	Local Care Team Flex Funds	\$18,700
d.	Summer Scholars	\$69,000 per site
	Vendors: HCPSS & Leaders for Tomorrow Youth Center	

A work group was established to think about the impact of COVID-19 on summer plans and consideration for alternative planning. Volunteers for the committee include Rich, James, Erica, Fatima, Fran, Melissa, Shereima.

Vendor Recommendations and Vote:

HCPSS & LTYC for Summer Scholars; Center for Children & Therapeutic Connections for BYR and PRP; Office of Sustainability for Food Access – Rich motioned; Erica seconded, all approved.

Office of Workforce for Workforce Readiness and Employment – Melissa motioned; Erica seconded; Fran abstained, motion approved.

Cross-Sector Sharing:

James - Howard County Public School System

- 14 sites offering free meals to anyone under the age of 18 years
- Served over 350,000 meals
- PPW's, Counselors and Liaisons have passed out chrome books for online learning

Sharon-Office of Child Care

- 150 Emergency Personnel Child Care (EPCC) sites in Howard County
- 23,000 children in child care across the state
- Child care providers are paid directly by the state

Fran - Office of Workforce Development

- Calls coming in from those not receiving their unemployment, calls being redirected to correct agency
- Updating website for those looking for work
- PowerPoints available to assist those looking for work

Charmayne - Child Advocate

- Communicating with mayors across the country on COVID-19
- Looking at local community and how well it has acted appropriately

Stephen - Department of Social Services

- Continuing to process applications for benefits
- Significant increase in applications
- Decrease in CPS calls

Erica - Voices for Children

- Decrease in CPS calls
- Independent living classes through zoom-gift cards provided as incentive

Raul - Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks

- Providing child care for emergency personnel
- Offering online classes

Melissa - Howard County Autism Society

- Emergency grants available for families with autism; funding use very flexible
- All families with autism are eligible

Rich - State's Attorney

- Reduced staff, handling juvenile cases and bail reviews
- Established protocol for 5/6 inmates to be released based on covid-19 guidelines
- Anticipate a surge in child and elder abuse cases once covid-19 is over

Tonya - Howard County Public Library System

- Online classes for youth and adults including stem classes and literacy
- Book clubs
- E-resources
- Community journal
- Partnering with Ohio libraries-researching how long covid-19 remains on books and how to clean them

Mike - FIRN

- Offering webinars and community resources
- Pay It Forward Fund - no interest loan for utilities, rent, etc.; repayment funds future applicants

Jackie - Department of Community Resources and Services

- Coordinated System of Homeless Services is asking that families be referred so that they may receive assistance including shelter, meals and other resources. Grassroots is the point of contact.

Lanlan - Guiding Coalition

- Chinese School donating PPE materials to essential personnel
- Providing free online tutoring

Dawn - Reported use of mental health services is down, providers have current openings and are using zoom to provide services to the community.

Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: May 19, 2020