Howard County’s Local Children’s Board
Meeting Minutes
11/17/20

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 | 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 |
| √ | Bita Dayhoff, CAC | Michael Martirano, HCPSS | Wendell McKay, Community |
| √ | Tim Madden, DJS | Stephen Liggett-Creel, DSS | Lanlan Xu, Community |
| √ | Raul Delerme, DRP | | |

Staff: Candace Ball, Sucora Best, Marsha Dawson, Kim Eisenreich, Tristan Cooper, Jasmine Wigginton, Erin Bonzon, OCF; Kamree Hall (Intern)
Public Attendees: Adelina Yoon, youth; James LeMon, HCPSS; Shereima Smith, GC; Andy Masters, GC; Lisa; Colleen Nester, HD; Donna Sturdivant, GC; Erica Taylor

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

Roll Call
Co-Tu Doan, Fayth Bowie, Tonya Aikens, Maura Rossman, Rich Gibson, Sharon Afework, Mike Mitchell - Excused

Consent Agenda – Motion made by Melissa; Seconded by Erica
Approval of September 15, 2020 Minutes

Committee and Program Updates
- HoCo Scholars Program Update/Discussion
  - 5 sites/107 students participating
  - Curriculum:
    - Social-emotional learning
    - Social justice
    - Career readiness
    - Arts & Enrichment
  - 2 bilingual staff/1 additional staff person to be hired
  - LTYC runs program-working with staff to address the needs of English Language Learners, 504, and IEP students
  - $138,000 available funding for spring semester.
    - Considerations
      - Offer modified after school program
      - Continue existing program at one site
Challenges
- Transportation
• Attendance
• Additional funding

• Getting Ahead
  o Participants work with the Getting Ahead in a Just Getting World curriculum
  o 14 graduates
  o Conference in September
  o Training for Facilitators
  o Held 10 virtual events
  o Next graduating class in December
  o Family Paint Night in December

• Workforce Committee and Program
  o Graduate student intern assisting with process for landscape analysis
  o 55 students participated in the summer work & learn programs
  o 11 students with 2 pending participated in the fall work & learn programs
  o 4 in school & 7 out of school co-enrolled in other workforce programs

• Voices for Change
  o Held Youth Town Hall October 2nd
  o 54 of 82 registered attended
  o Discussion centered on:
    ▪ Racial & social inequities
    ▪ COVID-19
    ▪ Future youth leadership in the county
  o Bi-monthly meetings will be scheduled

• Roving Radish and Food Access
  o Food Access
    ▪ DCRS assisted with food drive and Thanksgiving baskets
    ▪ Provided food for the Lisbon Pilot Program
    ▪ Partnering with Columbia Baptist Fellowship Church to serve Oakland Mills families
    ▪ Offering support to WIC program
  o Roving Radish
    ▪ Moved into new space
    ▪ Sold over 5,000 meal kits
    ▪ Working with the Office of Aging and Independence (OAI) to provide for Meals on Wheels
    ▪ Provided subsidized meal kits to Howard Community College (HCC) students in need
    ▪ Supported 80 families through the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center

• Mental Health and LCT
  o Mental Health Advisory Council meeting monthly-focus on how COVID-19 is affecting families
  o Local Care Team (LCT) looking for resources to assist families with children who have disabilities

• Therapeutic Connections and Center for Children
  o Therapeutic Connections
    ▪ Building Youth Resiliency working with the Health Department Behavioral Health Services to provide services for foreign-born families without insurance
    ▪ Challenge-families prefer face-to-face interaction
    ▪ 7 youth served
- 210 sessions provided
  - Center for Children
    - Unable to access bilingual services & psychiatrists
    - Referrals from HCPSS have decreased because of COVID-19
    - 28 individuals served—all needed mental health services

Learning Agenda Presentations
- **Chief Lisa Myers, HCPD**
  - Implemented immediate response plan to COVID-19 & obtained PPE supplies and equipment
  - Adjusted youth engagement programs—held virtual meetings & outdoor activities with social distancing
  - Community engagement—mobile trailer used for pop up visits, provided school supplies, activities and toys
  - Impact of police reform—8 tenets for police departments
    - De-escalation training
    - Ban choke holds & strangle holds
    - Duty to intervene
    - Ban shooting at moving vehicles
    - Require use of force continuum
    - Exhaust all other alternatives
    - Require a warning before shooting
    - Require comprehensive reporting
  - Accredited department—adhere to over 400 best practices
  - Early identification—flags officers with 2 or more complaints or use of force
  - Established Professional Standards Bureau—includes internal affairs division, body worn cameras division, quality assurance division
  - School Resource Officers—arrests in school have decreased, Teen Court listens to non-violent cases & make recommendations
  - Current initiatives—additional detective for human trafficking, drone field testing, new professional standards bureau, officer wellness, Fidos for Freedom, Next Gen 911, Kari’s law (ability to dial 911 without dialing 9 first), LEAD Program (non-violent adult diversion program)

- **Erin Bonzon, OCF and ECAC**
  - Office of Children and Families Programs
    - Parents As Teachers and Healthy Families home visiting program
    - CARE Line—information & referral service
    - Infant & Early Childhood mental health supports
    - Family Institute—parent information & support, parenting workshops, Parent Pages newsletter
    - Howard County Child Care Resource Center—training & technical assistance for Early Childhood professionals
  - Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) Goals
    - All children have access to high quality early learning & development programs
    - Families have access to resources need to be effective as their child’s first teacher
    - Children arrive at school with healthy minds and bodies
  - Accomplishments
    - Road to Kindergarten parent presentations
    - Howard County Diaper Project
    - Parent Cafes—parent connection & support
    - Free Little Libraries
  - Current Focus
Launch into Learning-school readiness
Family Engagement
The Basics-evidence based strategy to boost child’s brain development, activities parents can do with their child

Announcements
• NOFA Committee – Volunteers Needed
  o Bita, Stephen, Lanlan, volunteered; looking for at least 2 more volunteers
• Budget Implications and State of the Board
• Member Updates
  o Kelly – Housing is having an open house meeting tomorrow at 7:00 pm; she will share more information
  o Erica – Virtual holiday happy hour at Voices for Children
  o Kim – discussed the significance of the next board meeting; State of the Board. Programs will present and budget discussion held afterwards

Adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 2021