

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
√	Bitia 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, Triston 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
 - Participants work with the Getting Ahead in a Just Getting World curriculum
 - 14 graduates
 - Conference in September
 - Training for Facilitators
 - Held 10 virtual events
 - Next graduating class in December
 - Family Paint Night in December
- Workforce Committee and Program
 - Graduate student intern assisting with process for landscape analysis
 - 55 students participated in the summer work & learn programs
 - 11 students with 2 pending participated in the fall work & learn programs
 - 4 in school & 7 out of school co-enrolled in other workforce programs
- Voices for Change
 - Held Youth Town Hall October 2nd
 - 54 of 82 registered attended
 - Discussion centered on:
 - Racial & social inequities
 - COVID-19
 - Future youth leadership in the county
 - Bi-monthly meetings will be scheduled
- Roving Radish and Food Access
 - 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
 - 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
 - Mental Health Advisory Council meeting monthly-focus on how COVID-19 is affecting families
 - Local Care Team (LCT) looking for resources to assist families with children who have disabilities
- Therapeutic Connections and Center for Children
 - 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
 - Bitu, Stephen, Lanlan, volunteered; looking for at least 2 more volunteers
- Budget Implications and State of the Board
- Member Updates
 - Kelly – Housing is having an open house meeting tomorrow at 7:00 pm; she will share more information
 - Erica – Virtual holiday happy hour at Voices for Children
 - 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