

Baltimore County Local Management Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 6, 2022, 1:30 P.M.
Virtual Meeting

Attendance

- **Board Members:** Theresa Barrett, Tony Baysmore, Lt. George Askew, Celena Falline, Sara Foura, Kisha Fields Powell, Mark Millspaugh
- **LMB Staff:** Marci Kogan, Don Schlimm
- **LMB Guests:** Marisa Conner

A. Welcome and Introductions/ Review of Minutes

LMB Board Chair, Theresa Barrett, called the meeting to order and introductions were made. Theresa introduced Kisha Fields Powell, the LMB's newest Board member. The minutes from the March 7, 2022, meeting were reviewed and approved by the Board members in attendance.

B. Presentation of the Baltimore County Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) Community Plan for Early Childhood 2022-2025

Marisa Conner and Sara Foura, co-chairs of the County ECAC, presented highlights of the recently completed Community Plan for Early Childhood 2022 – 2025 (see attached). The planning process took place over the previous year with the assistance of the Abilities Network (ECAC fiscal sponsor) and Due East (planning facilitator). The plan included input from a wide variety of stakeholders including parents, childcare providers, and early childhood development service providers (e.g., Infants and Toddlers Program, WIC, Home Visiting Programs, and the Family Support Center.) The overarching goals of the planning process were to:

- a. Create a shared vision of early childhood development in Baltimore County;
- b. Align early childhood development service provider efforts in support of the priorities identified in the community plan; and,
- c. Confirm that the ECAC plan priorities are in alignment with the State's plan for school readiness (MD Ready Plan) and the County Executive's Enterprise Strategic Plan.

Board Comments:

Theresa Barrett: Childcare typically focuses on traditional work hours (daytime) but there are many families that need more flexibility in childcare scheduling to accommodate non-traditional work schedules (e.g., evenings and weekends).

Mark Millspaugh: Childcare is an essential element of workforce support. Affordability of quality childcare is a significant barrier for families of low income. The childcare scholarship program (formerly childcare voucher) does not pay the full cost of care and many childcare providers do not participate in the program. Mark also mentioned the need to provide childcare opportunities during non-traditional work hours and differing schedules (e.g., one day per week).

Sara Foura: Companies are starting to recognize the benefits of assisting employees with childcare. For example, companies are reserving slots for employees at center-based childcare facilities as well as directly subsidizing employee childcare expenses. Theresa Barrett offered the contact information for a representative of McCormick that is interested in learning more about childcare options for employees.

Kisha Fields Powell: One solution to the affordability issue might be to work with childcare providers to identify other sources of funding to subsidize the cost of childcare for low-income families, and to educate families about available sources of financial support of childcare.

Sara Foura / Marisa Conner: Sara and Marisa thanked the LMB for the financial support to make the planning process possible, and welcomed any and all ideas. The ECAC plan is a “living document” and will evolve as conditions change and new opportunities arise.

C. LMB Updates

The following information was provided by Don Schlimm (LMB Program Administrator):

- **FY 23 GOCPYVS Funding Award**

The LMB has received the funding award letter for GOCPYVS for FY23, and the LMB will be receiving the \$1.6 million requested for the services prioritized in the FY23-25 LMB strategic plan.

- **Additional Funding Award from the Legislature**

The LMB has recently received notification that the Legislature designated an additional \$1.5 million dollars for LMB use in a supplemental budget. This appears to be one-time funding only. At this time, the LMB has no additional information.

- **RFP's for CBT+ and Homeless Youth Outreach**

Over the years, different Administrations have had different ideas about how the LMB should distribute funding to vendors. The LMB has gone back and forth from grant agreements (completed annually) to contracts (completed in five year terms). The previous Administration had the LMB transition to all grant agreements. The current Administration has the LMB transitioning back to contracts. In keeping with that directive, the LMB will be releasing two Requests for Proposals (RFPs) in FY23 for the delivery of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Plus and Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Outreach services. The vendors for each of these programs must be under contract by July 1, 2023.

- **Health Equity Seminar for the LGBTQ Community**

As mentioned during the March meeting, the LMB is working with MedStar – Franklin Square Medical Center to organize two seminars regarding Health Equity and the LGBTQ community. LMB and FSMC staff are now working with staff of Chase Brexton Health Care to organize the two seminars. The seminars are generally geared toward somatic and behavioral health professionals but they will include an introductory 2-hour “Cultural Humility and LGBTQ Communities” session.

Board Comment: Theresa Barrett asked if LMB members would be able to attend the seminar and Don Schlimm said that Board members would have that opportunity.

- **FY23 LMB Board Meeting Schedule**

September 12, 2022 / December 5, 2022 / March 6, 2023 / June 5, 2023

- **THANK YOU to Theresa Barrett for serving as the LMB chairperson during FY22**

On behalf of the LMB, Don Schlimm thanked Theresa Barrett for her service as the LMB chairperson over the past year. Conni Strittmatter has accepted the chairperson's role for FY23.

D. Open Discussion

Mark Millspaugh suggested that the LMB staff arrange for a presentation regarding changing policies and procedures at the MD Department of Juvenile services resulting from MD Juvenile Reform Legislation.

E. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Theresa Barrett.

LMB Future Meeting Schedule:

September 12, 2022

December 5, 2022

March 6, 2023

June 5, 2023