



**Early Childhood Coordinating Council
Wednesday, November 16, 2022
Virtual Meeting
10:00am-12:00pm
Meeting Minutes
Approved**

Members Present: Jennifer Arnaiz, Jody Burghardt, Richard Crump, Mary Manning-Falzarano, Laurie Moran, Charlene Muhammad, Jade-Ann Rennie, Rebecca Smith, Louise Tolin and Beka Urgessa

Members Absent: Barbara Andrews, Cassandra Malik, Lynnette Weaver, Stephanie Brant, Robin Chernoff, Amy Cropp, Bernadine Occhiuzzo, Kimberly Rusnak, Charisse Scott, Dira Treadvance and Vivian Yao

Guest Present: Laura Jahromi (Children Opportunity Alliance) and Sarah Wilch-Spamer (DHHS)

DHHS Staff: Michelle Gallipoli and Erin Stillwell

Laurie Moran, acting chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

Review and Vote of Meeting Minutes from October 19, 2022 ECCC Meeting

ACTION:

Motion to accept the minutes as written: Charlene Muhammad

2nd Motion: Becky Smith

All in Favor

Report Out from Committee Policy Priorities Meeting

On October 26, 2022, the HHS Committee of the County Council hosted a policy priorities meeting with those BCCs under the HHS umbrella. Jody Burghardt volunteered to represent the ECCC at this meeting and shared the top FY23 policy priorities.

Call for Volunteers to Chair Future ECCC Meetings

Laurie Moran volunteer to chair the January 2023 meeting since the ECCC does not have a designated chair or vice chair. The ECCC will need to identify other volunteers who are willing to chair future meetings.

Committee Break Out Sessions

Committee Report Outs

**After committee break out sessions, members decided it would be in the best interest to combine the Sustainability &

Systems committee with the Advocacy committee. Both committees are working on issues involving licensing, workforce, pay parity, alternative pathways and a greater focus on training providers to care for children with special needs.

The Mental Health & Well Being Committee continues to work on a collaborative spreadsheet that helps identify supportive services for children birth to 5 and their families. Beka Urgessa has created a TEAMS folder where committee members are able to update/edit the spreadsheet.

Update: The BASICS/Collaboration Council (Jade Rennie)

The Collaboration Council continues to work on plans for the Basics-themed interactive art installation. They are currently working to identify artists to create/design this installation which will be built in the 20877-zip code. To date, five bus stop ads have been created to share the Basics messaging as well as continued community outreach to spread the word about the pillars of Basics and the Basics Insights message program.

Update: ECEI Action Plan Updates (Jennifer Arnaiz)

The RFPs for the Supply/Demand study and the Cost of Quality Child Care study have been released and are posted on the Office of Procurement website. Many of the upcoming projects will focus on the Maryland Blueprint. An updated Action Plan for the FY 24-FY 27 fiscal years is in the development process. Community focus groups were planned for November 2022 but were cancelled due to low interest/sign up. Future surveys and focus groups will be planned to solicit feedback/insight from the child care community.

Update: Children's Opportunity Alliance (Laura Jahromi)

The Children's Opportunity Alliance provided a presentation to the HHS Committee of the County Council on October 31, 2022. The COA continues to focus on the work of creating a new non-profit and will be able to transfer funds from the existing COF into the new organization. They recently elected/confirmed their Executive Committee and are working to provide orientation and training opportunity to their Board members. Kimberly Rusnak will serve as the interim executive director of the COA as search for an executive director is underway.

Note: There will not be an ECCC meeting hosted in December 2022. The monthly meetings will resume in January 2023.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 am

The ECCC will host the next council meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2023.