



Early Childhood Coordinating Council
Wednesday, January 19, 2022
Virtual Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes
Approved

Members Present: Barbara Andrews, Jennifer Arnaiz, Stephanie Brant, Jody Burghardt, Robin Chernoff, Cindy Chichester-Olivierre, Amy Cropp, Richard Crump, Cassandra Malik, Mary Manning-Falzarano, Charlene Muhammad, Bernadine Occhiuzzo, Jade-Ann Rennie, Kimberly Rusnak, Charisse Scott, Rebecca Smith, Lynnette Weaver Taniesha Woods Myles and Vivian Yao

Members Absent: Carrie Meyer, Laurie Moran, Paula Sayag and Louise Tolin

Guest Present: Leah Bradley and Amanda Holliday

DHHS Staff: Michelle Gallipoli, Erin Stillwell and Sarah Wilch-Spamer

Jody Burghardt, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

Review and Vote of Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2021, ECCC Meeting

ACTION:

Motion to accept the minutes as written: Bernadine Occhiuzzo

2nd Motion: Mary Manning-Falzarano

All in Favor

Announcement: Sharon Friedman will be retiring from NonProfit Montgomery/Montgomery Moving Forward in June 2022. Sharon has been a frequent guest of the ECCC, a longstanding community leader and child advocate. The ECCC wishes Sharon the best with her retirement and future endeavors.

Update on Early Childhood Independent Coordinating Entity: On January 20th, County Council will host a meeting to further discuss the proposal for the independent coordinating entity.

Update on *The Basics* Program (Jade-Ann Rennie, Collaboration Council): The Collaboration Council has worked with MMF to transition the Basics program; currently working on a marketing campaign and plan; the Basics Advisory Committee will be meeting today (1/19/22); Jade extended the invitation for an ECCC members interested to attend the meeting.

ECS creates Child Care Support Services (Jennifer Arnaiz): In an effort to provide more effective and streamlined services, Early Childhood Services realigned some of their programs under the heading of **Child Care Support Services** (to include Child Care Resource and Referral, ChildLink, Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation, FIC and others). Jennifer explained that CCSS will be rolling out a communications campaign sometime in February. CCSS can be reached at 240-777-GROW or email: ccss@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Committee Break Out Sessions and Report Outs

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

The ECCC will host the next council meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2022