



**Early Childhood Coordinating Council
Wednesday, February 15, 2023
Virtual Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Approved**

Members Present: Jennifer Arnaiz, Robin Chernoff, Amy Cropp, Charlene Muhammad, Jade Ann Rennie, Kimberly Rusnak, Beka Urgessa and Vivian Yao

Members Absent: Stephanie Brant, Richard Crump, Cassandra Malik, Mary Manning-Falzarano, Laurie Moran, Bernadine Occhiuzzo, Charisse Scott, Rebecca Smith, Louise Tolin, Dira Treadvance and Lynette Weaver

Guest Present: Sarah Wilch-Spamer (ECS/DHHS), Audra Dove (MCCPTA) and Rosalba Bonilla (CentroNía)

DHHS Staff: Michelle Gallipoli and Erin Stillwell

Jennifer Arnaiz called the meeting to order at 10:05 am

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

Review and Vote of Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2023 ECCC Meeting

ACTION:

Motion to accept the minutes as written: Jennifer Arnaiz

2nd Motion: Robin Chernoff

All in Favor

Program and Community Updates

The Basics, Montgomery County Collaboration Council (Jade Rennie): The plans for the Basics-themed interactive art installation are moving forward with a “call for artists” in progress; working to locate a “Pay” hub to support the “Play, Pray & Pay” model to support the Basics; currently have the Casey Center as the “Play” hub and the “Cross Community Church” at the “Pray” hub; continue to see interest in the Basics texting program

Children’s Opportunity Alliance (COA) (Kimberly Rusnak, Interim Executive Director): COA will be hosting a Board meeting on March 16th on Zoom; COA and MMF will be hosting a co-convening systems building event on February 23rd at the Universities of Shady Grove (registration link for event can be found on the COA website); COA is in process of hiring an ECE specialist, data specialist and finance specialist

Committee Break Out Sessions & Committee Report Outs

Mental Health & Well Being Committee continues to work on a collaborative mapping tool ; hope to reach out to past ECCC member (Dr. Woods Myles) to get additional guidance on use of tool; committee is requesting additional information on ITP/Chadis outreach to determine if should be included in the tool; will request Mary Manning-Falzarano to provide a brief update on Chadis outreach at next ECCC meeting

Sustainability, Systems and Advocacy committee determined that to best meet the FY23 priorities, some of the language in the priorities needs to be updated/amended. Charlene and Jennifer offered amendments which will be shared/voted at next meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am

The ECCC will host the next council meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2023