



**Early Childhood Coordinating Council**  
**Wednesday, March 16, 2022**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Approved**

**Members Present:** Barbara Andrews, Stephanie Brant, Jody Burghardt, Robin Chernoff, Amy Cropp, Richard Crump, Mary Manning-Falzarano, Charlene Muhammad, Bernadine Occhiuzzo, Jade-Ann Rennie, Charisse Scott, Louise Tolin, Taniesha Woods Myles and Vivian Yao

**Members Absent:** Jennifer Arnaiz, Cindy Chichester-Olivierre, Cassandra Malik, Laurie Moran, Kimberly Rusnak, Rebecca Smith and Lynnette Weaver

**Guest Present:** Franca Brilliant, Jenice Bruce, Michele Dean, Sharon Friedman, and Amanda Holiday

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

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**Jody Burghardt, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04 am**

**Roll Call and Introduction of Guests**

**Guest Speakers, Ms. Franca Brilliant and Ms. Sharon Friedman, Montgomery Moving Forward**

Ms. Brilliant and Ms. Friedman provided an overview and slideshow presentation of the Early Care and Education Coordinating Entity

**Review and Vote of Meeting Minutes from February 16, 2022 ECCC Meeting**

**ACTION:**

Motion to accept the minutes as written: Charlene Muhammad

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Vivian Yao

All in Favor

**Call for Nomination for ECCC Chair and Vice Chair**

No nominations were received at this time. ECCC members were encouraged to either nominate themselves or a fellow council member to serve as the chair and/or vice chair for the upcoming council year. Nominations can be emailed to either Erin Stillwell or Jody Burghardt. The chair and vice chair election is scheduled to take place at the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**ECCC Annual Planning Retreat Discussion**

**(Jody Burghardt)** Discussed option to have the June 15<sup>th</sup> annual planning retreat in person. Erin Stillwell will send out a survey to gauge ECCC members' interest for hosting the retreat in person vs. virtual. Final plans for the planning retreat will be available at the May meeting.

**Breakout Rooms: Discussion of Feedback from February 23<sup>rd</sup> Community Forum on the Maryland Blueprint: Pre-K**

**State and County Legislative Updates**

**(Dr. Barbara Andrews)** Child Care Package contains 5 different bills; HB 513: Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Bill will most likely pass, but with less funding than originally proposed; SB 275 “Time to Care Act of 2022” is still working to establish paid family and medical leave program

**Early Childhood Services Update**

**(Dr. Barbara Andrews)** ECS is still offering PPE items to child care programs at no costs; items to include masks; hope to keep the PPE distribution program available through July 2022

**Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 am**

**The ECCC will host the next council meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2022**