



Early Childhood Coordinating Council
Wednesday, April 21, 2021
Virtual Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes
Approved

Members Present: Stephanie Brant, Jody Burghardt, Robin Chernoff, Cindy Chichester, Amy Cropp, Richard Crump, Liran Laor, Mary Manning-Falzarano, Lauren Martino, Charlene Muhammad, Bernadine Occhiuzzo, Jade-Ann Rennie, Charisse Scott, Rebecca Smith, Louise Tolin, Taniesha Woods Myles

Members Absent: Barbara Andrews, Jennifer Arnaiz, JoAnn Barnes, Joan Glick, Carrie Meyer, Paula Sayag, Lynnette Weaver, Vivian Yao

Guests: Leah Bradley, Joi Chester (for Kimberly Rusnak), Michelle Gallipoli, Andrew Lett, Laurie Moran (Office of Child Care)

Staff Support: Sarah Wilch-Spamer

Jody Burghardt called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Convene Meeting: Jody Burghardt welcomed members and guests. Roll call was taken, 16 members were present.

Breakout Groups-Outreach for Summer Programming: Questions Discussed – 1) What is the need for summer programming? 2) What exists that we need more of? 3) What programs are needed that don't exist yet? 4) How do we reach underserved populations; those not yet connecting with MCPS or other programs?

Breakout Groups Report Out: A spokesperson from each group reported on the discussions. Jody and Taniesha will forward the information to the ECEI Steering Committee as ideas/actions to consider. County guidance on Summer Camps: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2021/20210413/20210413_2B-2C.pdf

LECAC Grant Update – Taniesha Woods Myles: All books and manipulatives have been ordered and approximately half have been delivered. Family Involvement Center staff are determining the number of kits to be distributed. Any remaining kits will go to Early Head Start families. Volunteers are needed to assemble the Learning Kits the week of May 24-28, 2021 at 1401 Rockville Pike. A Doodle poll will be sent to determine a date that works for everyone. Please email Jody Burghardt or Taniesha Woods Myles to volunteer (tanieshawoods@alumni.unc.edu or Jody.Burghardt@sheppardpratt.org).

Member Announcements, Updates and Commentary:

- Liran Laor discussed the Maryland Early Childhood Leadership Program (MECLP) and shared [application](#) information.
- Laurie Moran provided an update on licensing inspections. In-person inspections resumed on April 19, 2021. The reinstatement of in-person inspections has received mixed reviews by parents and providers. A hybrid model is still in place.
- Jody Burghardt announced that Healthy Families Montgomery successfully completed the reaccreditation process.
- Head Start has received an additional grant to use over two years for COVID.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.