

# Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency

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## Meeting Minutes

12/18/2019

### Attendees:

	Kashonna Holland		Jennifer Pollitt Hill		Antigone Vickery
X	Elizabeth Meadows		Joan Driessen		Jim Marshall
	Ayesha Holmes	X	Jennifer Broderick	X	Brad Closs
	Sherry Banks	X	Peter Engel	X	Aisha Masood
	Lisa Jablonover		Jack Kavanagh	X	Stan Levi
X	Bitu Dayhoff	X	Minah Woo		Kim Salazar
X	Francine Trout		Jackie Scott		

### Staff:

X	Rose Burton	X	Megan Godfrey Jackson	X	Cara Baumgartner
X	Valerie Mathis		Charles Smith		

## Agenda

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**Call to Order** 9:07 am

**Minutes Approved** The minutes from the October meeting are on hold for quorum.

**Agenda item:** Presentation on Kirwan Commission Report **Presenting:** Stan Levi

Areas addressed in report:

- Early Childhood Education
- High-quality and Diverse Teachers and Leaders
- College and Career Readiness Pathways
- More Resources to Ensure All Students are Successful
- Governance and Accountability

The group discussed that Howard County does not have early childhood education for zero to three-year-old children. While most other counties in Maryland do have this level of education. Bitu Dayhoff gave a synopsis of the programs Community Action Council offers for three to five-year-olds. It was then discussed that Association of Community Services and United Way have proposed a childcare center for zero to five-year-old children. Consider if they would want to make it early childhood education instead of just childcare.

**Agenda item:** Presentation on Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Report **Presenting:** Megan Godfrey Jackson

Report addresses children's readiness to start kindergarten in Maryland. Early childhood education has been found to be the precursor for success in life. With third grade being the tipping point for children that are behind their peers not being able to catch up. 53% of children in Maryland do not demonstrate

readiness for kindergarten and Maryland is falling further behind. Only 25% of children are enrolled in pre-K in Howard County. The group then discussed ways to improve these numbers in Howard County.

**Agenda item:** Community Service Partnership (CSP) Grants Redesign **Presenting:** Megan Godfrey Jackson  
Process

Megan Godfrey Jackson is the Manager for the Community Service Partnership (CSP) grants. The program provides 8.4 million dollars in funding for critical human services and self-sufficiency in Howard County. Even though funding has grown exponentially, the way the program is administered has not changed much since its inception in 1974. This redesign will bring funding in line with the county's six pillars for success, with a focus on making measurable impacts and accountability.

BPSS is invited to participate in a workgroup to help shape the redesign process. This will be part of a large community conversation that includes listening sessions, surveys and analyzing existing reports on the state of the county.

**Agenda item:** Nominating Workgroup **Presenting:** Rose Burton

Kashonna Holland is stepping down as co-chair of BPSS. The nominating workgroup will work to fill vacancies on the Board and look into whether Elizabeth Meadows will be a singular chair person or if someone would like to join her as co-chair. Aisha Masood and Minah Woo volunteered to join the nominating workgroup.

**Other Business:**

- A survey will go out in January to find a new recurring meeting time for BPSS. The group requested both morning and evening options. The results of the poll will be shared at the January meeting.

Meeting Concluded: 10:35 am