

LCB Meeting Minutes

11/15/16

Attendees

√	Rosemary Beakes, Community		Bitia Dayhoff, CAC (excused)	√	Maura Rossman, HD (excused)
	Kelly Cimino, DHCD (excused)	√	Dawn Duignan, Community	√	Louis Valenti, MSDE
	Karen Butler, DSS (excused)	√	Restia Whitaker, HCPSS	√	Gary Gardner, HCPD
	Dario Broccolino, (excused)	√	Tim Madden, DJS		Edisa Padder, Community (excused)
√	John Byrd, DRP		Stevie Bullock, DCRS (excused)		Charmayne Anderson, Community (excused)

Staff: Marsha Dawson, Sucora Best, Keri Hyde, Kori Jones

Public Attendees: Kenyatta Cully, Mental Health Authority; Erica Byrne, Voices for Children; Elizabeth Meadows, Housing; Tanisha Robinson, Intern

Meeting called to order at 8:35 am.

Introductions were made and John welcomed everyone.

October minutes were approved.

Mediation and Conflict Resolution Center Services

MCRC provides conflict resolution services, mediation, restorative practices, education and training. Specifically, MCRC's Restorative Practices Programs directly serve at-risk youth and their families who are referred through community partners such as the police, school system, department of juvenile services, and others.

In a memo sent by Howard Community College, the college has decided that MCRC no longer fits the mission and strategic plan and therefore will phase out services effective June 30, 2017. The LCB has funded them for the last two years.

Board members would like someone from MCRC to speak at next month's meeting to gain further information and explore how to support them.

Voices for Children Update

Erica Byrnes provided the Board with an update of the program that trains volunteers to become advocates for abused and neglected children in Howard County; the program serves youth up to age 21.

- Fostering Futures program – currently seeking donations of material things for youth aging out of foster care and moving into the community.
- Thanksgiving dinner was provided for youth last week.
- Will be conducting youth focus groups for the Youth Homelessness Workgroup.
- Working with older youth on Give Back Day, a fundraiser to benefit Grassroots.

Erica encouraged the group to visit the website for more information on how to help.

Board Member Update

- John – in conversation with the Horizon Foundation regarding making snacks healthier. The Truck or Treat event was an overwhelming success, more than 2,000 people participated. Starting drown-proof swim program for youth at risk.
- Maura – Health Department awarded a grant from the Horizon Foundation to provide tele-psychiatry services in the schools, a partnership with the University of Maryland. More information to come.
- Lou – child care center operators have expressed concerns about having to report payroll registers. Office of Child Care will use the information to delete providers from their tracking system when employment has ended.
- Gary – the Police Department hosted a five hour community event last week got community interaction dealing with police and community relations; the primary focus was youth relations. They are developing a Youth Advisory Council; there will be an official kick-off January.

- Rosemary – Interested in data related to child abuse; would like someone from The Child Advocacy Center to speak to the Board.
- Restia – school system celebrating 30 years of community partnerships. HCPSS is the first school district in Maryland that offers a college/career mentoring program for homeless students; they were invited to present at the NAEYC conference. Next week they will begin Project Keep and on December 8th host a Silent Auction to benefit the PPW fund. All resources benefit families identified as in need of resources.
 - Board members engaged in an in-depth conversation about the growing number of children living in poverty; the income divide; and lack of affordable housing in one of the wealthiest jurisdictions nationwide. They also explored the various definitions of homelessness.
- Elizabeth – Housing will release the application for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in December; the grant is intended for youth related programs and community development.
- Tim – met with HCPSS to discuss Project Attend, coordinated case management, and truancy supervision program. DJS has also been meeting with courts to discuss resources in the county.
- Kori – Saturday, November 19th, Rec/Parks and the Youth Development Coalition will host the Teen Opportunities Fair at Long Reach High School from 11-2:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:56 am. Next meeting is December 20, 2016.