

## LCB Meeting Minutes

11/10/15

### Attendees

√	Rosemary Beakes		Bitia Dayhoff (excused)		Maura Rossman (excused)
	Tom Carbo (excused)	√	Dawn Duignan	√	Gwynn Marsh-Armstrong
	Dario Broccolino or Kim Oldham (excused)		Gary Gardner (excused)		Louis Valenti (excused)
√	Karen Butler	√	Pam Grady	√	Donna Wells
√	John Byrd	√	Tim Madden		Restia Whitaker (excused)
	Phyllis Madachy (excused)				

*Staff:* Keri Hyde, Marsha Dawson, Valerie Harvey, Sucora Best

*Public Attendees:* Carl Delorenzo, County Admin; Jacqueline Douge, Health Department; Diane Meyer, JHU Student; Bob DeAngelis, HCPSS

***Meeting called to order at 8:40 am.***

***Introductions were made. Pam welcomed everyone.***

***October minutes were approved***

### 24/7 Update

- Howard County's priority is to eliminate the achievement gap by addressing risk factors faced by families in the community.
- The State is revising its funding formula for education; examining social determinates like poverty and family stability in relation to school performance.
- The State is also looking at community engagement and its impact on student success.
- Carl discussed the Community Schools Task Force that was established by the General Assembly last year and the purpose of the Community Schools Model and what it could mean in Howard County.
- The Baltimore City Community Schools Director has been invited to present to the Board at the January meeting. Prior to that, Board members will be interviewed by social work faculty on how their agencies are currently integrated with the school system and what the service delivery system is.
- Carl stated that the biggest priority is getting school system "buy in" and conveying the message of support. He asked Board members to share any contacts they have to help this process.
- Donna asked that the Board not lose sight of the need for mental health services and the lack of access for privately insured families.

### GOC Update

- Planning grant was submitted to GOC; notifications are due out next week.
- Funds will be used to hire a consultant for developing a Community Plan examining the state's four priority areas and to prepare for RFP process in January.
- Meetings with vendors regarding the transition and shift in funding will be scheduled next week. Pam and/or John will take part in those.
- Meeting held with GOC policy analysts; there will be flexibility in choosing a priority or priorities but programming must be explicitly for intervention and data driven. The priority area chosen by the Board and the 24/7 Initiative will be a parallel process. Marsha is the primary contact for the State initiative and Sucora and Val are the contacts for 24/7.
- Keri suggested holding focus groups on priority areas to disaggregate potential data.
- Citizen Services' Continuum of Care has convened a youth homelessness workgroup to identify strategies to help this population. The group identified three of the four HUD categories to determine the homeless status of youth. This group will also serve as the LCB workgroup; Restia and Marsha attended the first session. Board members were invited to join.
- Keri discussed the catalog of services that contains existing programs and initiatives developed by state agencies and the Children's Cabinet. As part of the planning process, Howard County will need to produce its own; Board members will be sent a copy of their specific service area to update and edit.

- A discussion was held about establishing a committee structure to look at data related to priorities; Karen and Jackie volunteered to convene as a workgroup.

#### **Board Composition and Update**

- Board members are currently being recruited. Dr. Edisa Padder, Pediatrician, Padder Health Services is known for her work with ECAC and has a practice in Howard County.
- Tiffany Smith, Dept. of Housing will be attending meetings in place of Shirelle Bennett until her position is filled.
- Carl asked members of the Board to submit any suggestions for potential members to Marsha or Keri.

#### **Board Member Updates**

- Donna asked for an update on County reorganization; Carl gave an overview of the recommendations that was presented to the County Exec. Keri reminded everyone that the recommendations are available on the County Executive's website.
- Health Department is examining maternal health disparities and has contracted with Dr. Michelle Gourdine to develop a strategic plan on addressing the issue.
- The Health Department will begin holding teen focus groups next month; topics will include smoking cessation, drugs, and others.
- Donna – The Rapid Access Program, a grant funded program, is now taking referrals from HCGH to provide urgent psychiatric care services to adults. The Way Station is the community provider and single point of entry for this project.

#### **Adjourned**

**Next Meeting: December 15, 2015**