Early Childhood Advisory Council Notes
Meeting 2: Wednesday, May 22, 2013
Johns Hopkins University, Montgomery Campus
A & R Building
8:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Members Present: Barbara Andrews
Jennifer Arnaiz
Janine Bacquie
Harriet Berger
Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta
Kathi Carey-Fletcher
Robin Chernoff
Amy Cropp
Deborah Durham
Carl Eggleston
Patsy Evans
Natasha Fields
Kate Garvey
Kim Grant
Michelle Green
Lynne Harris
Judy McMillan
Kathie Meizner for Carol Legarretta
Meredith Myers
Bernadine Occhiuzzo
Tobi Printz-Platnick
Lois Stovall
John Surr
Verna Washington
Vivian Yao

Kate Garvey/Convene Welcome

Introductions: Participants share reflections since last meeting

Members new to ECAC Meeting 2:
- Kim Grant
- Michelle Green
- Deborah Durham
- Patsy Evans
- Natasha Fields
- Kathie Meizner (on behalf of Carol Legarretta)

Small Groups: Child-Centered Examination of Data
- Group guidelines
- Share your reflections about the child
- Review the data and discuss in terms of:
    - what are the available resources to the child you are thinking about?
    - what are the barriers?
- Chart thoughts from the group
- Gallery Walk

- Report out

Barrier	Resources
CentroNia shared an example of a family in crisis	Their organization was able to link the family with supports and services that assisted the family.
Federally funded programs for PreK are funded better than county funded programs.	We have Pre-K/H.S. available to all children in Montgomery County whose families qualify by income.
The data that we don't have in the area of mental health and the "invisible families" who need to be served the most.	Montgomery County is blessed to have services/agencies that cooperate well together centered in on a strategic plan.
Lack of follow-up on medical care/treatment and hesitation to refer children.	Need to connect with families later even if nothing is determined during initial screening. Montgomery County has a wealth of resources.
We have great models but the communication among the providers is limited. We don't know enough about all of the services. Not enough information sharing. Many agencies duplicate services.	Many agencies offering services.

Creating Workgroups:

"Taking a Stand": Stand by the workgroup topic that you have the most interest in right now. Are you bringing your resources to that group? Is the group size appropriate?

Council agreed that this was a good place to start.

- **Needs Assessment**
  - K. Grant
  - B. Occhiuzzo
  - K. Carey-Fletcher
  - M. Green
  - P. Evans
  - D. Durham
- **Exemplary Practices**
  - M. Myers
  - R. Acosta
  - L. Harris
  - T. Printz-Platnik
  - A. Cropp
  - H. Berger

- o J. Arnaiz
- **Community Outreach/Public Engagement**
  - o J. Surr
  - o C. Eggleston
  - o R. Chernoff
  - o N. Fields
  - o K. Meizner/C. Legarretta

- Create roles for the group
- Individuals will create their own commitment form.

Introducing: The Accountability Pathway

- Council members were provided with a "bookmark" of the Accountability Pathway and an explanation of each stage of the pathway.

Workgroups Part 1

Workgroup planning and Action Commitment Forms:

- Turn-in forms DECPS will compile, scan, and email back to workgroup members.

Business: Small committee (4 – 5) to work on by-laws:

- An Executive Order (The Montgomery County Council will develop a resolution to support the work of the group) and by-laws that govern the process of the group.
- Volunteers for small group to work on the by-laws. A framework is already provided.
  - o Patsy Evans
  - o Michelle Green

Reflection: What do you want for your child?

Group Check Out: "One thing" What is your next step?

- **Community outreach** –
  - o Meeting June 10th to talk about the linkages, how they make referrals.
  - o Meet with parent focus groups (parent focus groups could meet at the Gaithersburg Judy Center)
- **Exemplary Practices** –
  - o Use data to map out schools overlaying high farms numbers, MMSR data and other services.
  - o Site visits to schools with K students with 90% or higher readiness MMSR scores.
  - o Accessing and reaching out to the criminal justice system including programs at CASA and Treehouse.
  - o Backmap families entry point to accessing services.

- **Needs Assessment** –
  - Invisible families: know how many of them are there*?*
  - Look at childcare information, pediatricians serving the whole child, an exploratory exercise to learn what is happening in Montgomery County with services.
  - Workforce: looking at discrepancy of services, professional development.
  - Language/Literacy and proficiency assessment of the individuals who are providing childcare

Verna's Action Items	By When
• Check Bernadine Occhiuzzo's email address	5.22.13
• Change of address for Kim Grant: **17912 Danube Lane Olney, MD 20832**	5.22.13
• Change of address for Lois Stovall: **11408 Symphony Woods Lane Silver Spring, MD 20901**	5.22.13