



Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2021

Attendees:

Angelique Jessup	Imani Angela Rose	Melissa Rock
Briana Bostic	Jenee Tucker	Nancy Pelton
Catherine Pitchford	Jennifer Lentz	Natalie Schock
Chantal Sinady	JoAnn Jamison	Nicole Johnson*
Crystal Francis	Kate Wasserman	Nikira Epps
Cynthia Skinner	Kathy Carroll	Ruby Daniels
Daphne Washington	Khalilah Slater-Harrington	Stacey Tuck
Drena Valentine*	Lauren Thiesse*	Stephanie Williams
Faith Miller	Lieny Jeon	Wendy Wolff*
Gena O'Keefe	Linda Callahan	Yolanda Jenkins
Gloria Valentine	Liza Frye	Yvonne Woods*
Hilary Roberts King	Margo Candelaria	Xiangyu Zhao

Welcome and Opening Remarks from Co-Chair, *Imani Angela Rose*

Introductions- All attendees

Vote on March 17, 2021 meeting minutes

- Motion to approve minutes made by Imani Angela Rose; Gloria Valentine seconded; minutes approved unanimously.

Workgroup Reporting

- All Hands In; *Crystal Francis & Imani Angela Rose*
 - Operationalize standard procedures for ECAC—amended bylaws & operations manual (will discuss more later)
 - Roles of an Executive Committee
 - Will finalize by-laws by next meeting
 - Meeting w/key stakeholders: Mayor Scott, Dr. Dzirasa, Dr. Santelises
- Strong Backbone; *Khalilah Slater Harrington & Tisha Edwards*
 - Recommends below as a guideline for ECAC advocacy. Additional recommendations include following the ECAC approved advocacy guideline for a period of 12 months. After that period, the workgroup will collect feedback from the ECAC regarding effectiveness, make necessary changes and bring those changes to the full ECAC for review/approval.
 - ECAC should join MFN's public policy group

- The ECAC may want to find 1-3 pieces of legislation that it can support during legislative session because it moves too fast for the coalition to make decisions about what issues to support while session is in progress
 - ECAC members (individual organizations) are encouraged to take action
 - ECAC members (as individuals not representing ECAC or their organizations) are given opportunities to provide testimony and/or other ways to support legislation
 - If at least 25% of ECAC organizations are aligned/in agreement action can be taken under the name of ECAC with only signatories of members comfortable with that issue. I.E.- letters of support would clearly outline which members are providing their support. Language may include "Member of the ECAC" as to not imply we are speaking for everyone.
- ECAC met w/Prenatal to 5 Impact Collaborative to help inform their recommendations for how MSDE should spend the \$500M for Early Childhood from the ARPA
- Smart Thinking; *Lieny Jeon & Margo Candelaria*
 - Working w/Children's Cabinet EC workgroup to produce report re. 0-5 involved w/publicly funded programs; also working w/ECDC
 - Will present findings at next workgroup meeting & to this full group
- Open Heart; *Angelique Jessup & Denine Rafus*
 - Main focus on taking steps towards an ECAC website
 - We'll be voting on some questions around the website

MSDE grant update: Yolanda Jenkins, Yvonne Woods, Nicole Johnson

- Early childcare systems report
 - PSA: Interview providers & look for how providers align/where there are gaps
 - Family/Community Engagement—focus groups and interviews w/families
- Draft will be ready by November 2021

Pre-K Enhancement Grant: Crystal Francis

- All about recovery efforts for students
- Supporting 3-4 year olds in summer and Fall
- 8 day turn around to write the grant;
- 70% has to be spent on direct services
- Fund summer programming—never done district wide for rising pre-k & K students; Judy Centers have done this
- 5 week program to start after July 4th—Mon-Thur; ½ day, in person, small groups w/teachers they'll have next year
- 40 schools expressed interest, but not sure if staffing will be aligned
- Will use ELA to track progress pre and post
- Find your way to pre-k events
 - Zoo



- Science Center
- Aquarium

Bylaws & Procedures Manual: Crystal Francis, Imani Angela-Rose, Wendy Wolff, Dr. Drena Valentine & Yolanda Jenkins

- Changes to Bylaws
 - Titles to Sections
 - Article IV—new section re. committees and work groups
 - Membership: no edits to Section 1, but added terms; changed enrollment; added removal, resignation, and public involvement
 - Article VII is new- conflict of interest
 - Article VIII: Meetings- added pieces about decisions
 - Article IX: renames: Voting Procedures
- ECAC Procedures Manual

ECAC Meeting Frequency: Crystal Francis & Imani Angela Rose

- Do we want to shift back to quarterly meetings (rather than every 2 months)?
 - Will be sent out as a vote

Open Discussion

- Baltimore City Childcare Association- sponsoring conference- June 19th- Freedom of Learning is theme
- Family League w/MOCFS- RFA for \$1M for community based out of school time programming—supports pre-k, not only older youth—due May 28th

Next Meeting Date: July 21st, 2021 @ 1pm-3 pm

