



## Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2021

### Attendees:

Angelique Jessup	Heather Yost	Ruby Daniels
Ashley Bush	Hilary Roberts King	Sophie*
Briana Bostic	Imani Angela Rose	Shula Cooper
Catherine Pitchford	Jeanine Hildreth*	Trina Powell
Cathy Costa	Jenee Tucker	Yasmine Jordan
Chantal Sinady	Khalilah Slater-Harrington	(Representing Allison
Cynthia Skinner	Lauren Thiesse*	Van Horn)
Daphne Washington	Liza Frye	Yolanda Jenkins
Ebony Holliday	Nicole Johnson*	Yvonne Woods*
Faith Miller	Nikira Epps	Xiangyu Zhao

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

### Introductions- All attendees

### Vote on May 19th, 2021 meeting minutes

- Do not have a quorum present. May minutes will be voted on, along with July minutes, in the September 2021 meeting.

### Workgroup Reporting

- All Hands In; *Imani Angela Rose*
  - Drafted letters requesting meetings with the Mayor's office, Dr. Dzirasa, Dr. Santelises
  - Will be reviewing membership and prepping for 22 calendar year
- Strong Backbone; *Khalilah Slater Harrington*
  - Finalized the recommendations for ECACs advocacy policy recommendations. These recommendations will be sent for a coalition vote.
  - Heard from Martha Hollemon who shared her recent report around child care report. Strong Backbone will work together to make recommendations for action steps for ECAC based on the report.
- Smart Thinking; *Workgroup leads unable to attend. No verbal report out. Please read the report out sent with the meeting packet.*

- Open Heart; *Angelique Jessup & Denine Rafus*
  - Coalition voted to move forward with a templated website. This has been a collaborative effort with the Mayors Office.
  - Looking for 6-8 people to be thought partners, provide feedback and move the work forward. An email will go out requesting participants. Survey on being a part of the website development group.
  - Will be working with Points North to develop the website with a goal to have a live website by December.
  - Need a website content writer. If you know anyone send them our way!

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

- Early childcare systems report
  - PSA:
    - Spent the past few months looking at the system. Has begun conducting interviews with systems leaders and providers to get an idea of the early childhood landscape. Will do focus groups as needed, but have gather lots of information from interviews.
    - Continuing to get recommendations of people to talk to.
    - Plan to wrap up the data collection by the end of August. Synthesize and get the draft ready for November delivery.
  - Extraordinary Changes:
    - The first focus group was with Daysprings Head Start.
    - There are 7 focus groups set up.
    - Still hoping to schedule 5 to 7 more focus groups. Want to overschedule focus groups.
    - Focus group protocol was shared with and approved by the Open Heart committee; happy to share with others before committing if necessary.
    - Lauren can schedule an interview with parents who may not be interested in participating in a group session.
- Draft will be ready by November 2021

**Open Discussion**

- Port Discovery: Fathers at Play program is winding down. Fall cohort will take place in person and are recruiting fathers to participation with at least one child aged 4 to 8 years old. Port Discovery is looking to partner with someone who can help recruit, gather information, and help encourage fathers to participate. Currently partnership with the Center for Urban families. They have provided transportation and helped fathers stay engaged in the program. The next session will start in September; exact date depends on partner.



- Office of Child Care: Listening session for Baltimore City Providers on Monday focused on family child care 6pm-7pm. Tuesday centers from 1pm to 2pm.
- Baltimore City School board is looking for commissioners. They are looking to fill 3 slots.
- Ruby Daniels: MFFCCA will be holding conference October 15th and 16th at the Carousel Hotel in Ocean City will be in English and Spanish. Looking for sponsors.
- Baltimore City Schools Back to School Festivals and the Mayor's Back to school rally are happening soon. The first event is July 29th. Ashley will send the flier to the ECAC and ECAC will share.
- Imani: Vaccines for students 12+ and a back to school event on July 31st. Will send a flier through the ECAC as well. Event is in Woodlawn.

**Next Meeting Date: September 15th @ 1:30 pm-3 pm**

