



## Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2022

### Attendees:

Alberta Stokes (MSDE)  
Angelique Jessup  
Ashley Bush  
Briana Bostic  
Carol Gant (MAEC)  
Cathy Costa  
Crystal Francis  
Cynthia Skinner  
Don Corbin (MSDE)  
Elaine Romeo (MAEC)

Faith Miller  
Gloria Valentine  
Hilary Roberts King  
Imani Angela Rose  
Jennifer Dorsey  
Kathy Carroll  
Khalilah Slater-Harrington  
Linda Callahan  
Liza Frye  
Lynne Hall (MAEC)

Margo Candelaria  
Melissa Rock  
Nancy Cehlink-Seidler  
Rachel  
Ruby Daniels  
Tracy Harris  
Trina Powell  
Yolanda Jenkins  
Vanessa Jones  
Xiangyu Zhao

### Welcome and Opening Remarks from Co-Chairs, Crystal Francis & Imani Angela Rose

#### Introductions- All attendees

#### MSDE Presentation

Maryland State Department of Education staff and Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium, Inc. (MAEC) consultants introduced themselves. Alberta provided background and history on MSDE's equity work. MAEC are consultants hired by MSDE to provide equity focused technical assistance.

Carol led the coalition in a discussion on how equity is embedded into our work. The coalition reviewed its work over the last two years. The BCECAC is in the process of looking at recommendations from the Baltimore's Early Childhood Systems report and the Baltimore's Young Children's Experiences report to determine the coalitions work (actions) moving forward. Carol suggested the coalition think about how to measure what is being implemented/what are the measurements. Carol offered MAECs services to provide some technical assistance from the evaluation team and equity specialist around helping with the measuring of our diversity statement.

#### Open Discussion

- Co-chairs discussed that there has been a request for ECAC support for Baltimore City's Child Care Resource Center's (BCCRC) application for an infant and early childhood mental health consultation grant. This grant will give BCCRC the opportunity to hire at least 1 more, and maybe 2 more, consultant. It will also reestablish the relationship with University of Maryland (psychologist

providing support). Imani made a motion in favor of a support letter. Hillary seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. None abstained.

- The ECAC welcomed Tracy Harris as Nancy's successor as the Executive Director of BCCCRC
- Imani shared that she had the opportunity to participate in an enrollment fair at a local Judy Center to get students enrolled in daycare. She shared that this is an example of how the coalition is creating collaboration outside of the ECACs direct work.
- Liza Frye is retiring from Head Start as of July 1, 2022. Her successor is Denine Rafus.
- Jenee shared that Family League is hosting its annual Summer Institute. Summer Institute is multi-day professional development for community schools. On June 21st there will be a resource fair; anyone interested in participating as a resource vendor is welcomed to join. Please reach out to Jenee directly.
- Lieny shared that she accepted a position with the University of Virginia. She will be moving and continuing her work with Baltimore Education Research Consortium (BERC) and the ECAC.
- Tracy shared that BCCCRC will now staff Family Resource Specialists dedicated to helping parents directly. There will be specific emphasis on helping parents navigate thru the childcare scholarship application.

**Next Meeting Date: September 14th @ 1:30 pm-3 pm**

