



**Meeting Minutes**  
September 21, 2022

**Attendees:**

- |                      |                            |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Ashley Bush          | Gloria Valentine           | Noell Laguy                |
| Brian Siatkowski     | Hilary Roberts King        | Ruby Daniels               |
| Briana Bostic        | Imani Angela Rose          | Sapphire Jackson           |
| Chantal Sinady       | Jenee Tucker               | Shannon Burroughs-Campbell |
| Crystal Francis      | Khalilah Slater Harrington | Tamika Blair Staton        |
| Cynthia Skinner      | Lieny Jeon                 | Tracy Harris               |
| Debra Brooks         | Linda Callahan             | Trina Powell               |
| Ebony Holliday       | Martha Hollemon            | Yolanda Jenkins            |
| Faith Miller         | Melissa Rock               | Xiangyu Zhao               |
| Garima Bhatt Handley | Nikira Epps                |                            |

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

**Vote on 6/15/2021 meeting minutes**

Imani Angela Rose made a motion to approve. Chantal Sinady seconded the motion. All approved. No abstains.

**Workgroup Reporting**

- **All Hands In; Crystal Francis & Imani Angela Rose**
  - State ECAC meeting
  - Met with AA County ECAC
  - MFN's Skolnik Lecture
  - Imani-Angela Rose spoke w/Dr. Brit Kirwin re. AIP—oversight committee of the Blueprint Legislation
    - They can't change the law, need to meet with MSDE to make tweaks
    - Ruby Daniels is part of AIB committee
    - Dr. Kirwan has been hearing a lot about the pre-K expansion challenges
  - Need a bylaws change: Goal: something under Article IV- representative from MOCFS on each workgroup and participating in leadership of ECAC—want to codify relationship between MOCFS and Strong Backbone workgroup
  - Will create report card for different workgroups – to ensure we're making adequate progress on our goals. Will also go on website so the community can hold us accountable.
  
- **Strong Backbone; Khalilah Slater Harrington & Ashley Bush**



- Have 3 subgroups working on different actions
- See workgroup report out with tasks and progress
- **Smart Thinking; Lieny Jeon & Margo Candelaria**
  - BERCC released a [new report](#)
  - We should use more data sources beyond KRA scores to evaluate how kids are doing in K.
  - Reviewed the report and are discussing how to distribute it
  - Trying to figure out how to incorporate private childcare—don't have that data right now
  - Inviting Crystal's team to learn more about City Schools' data—huge discrepancy between parent report of prior care and administrative data re. prior care.
- **Open Heart; Yolanda Jenkins**
  - Angelique Jessup has opened her own business (Connectus), and will continue to participate in ECAC, but won't be leading Open Heart anymore.
  - Have 2 new co-leads:
    - Linda Callahan & Nikira Epps
  - Working to operationalize their recommendations—creating an updated milestones document (update of BHB's document)
    - Key milestones
    - Parent/Child activities
    - Working w/Strong Backbone on public information campaign
  - Working to allow parents to navigate website by age of child

BC ECAC 2023: *Imani Angela Rose & Crystal Francis*

- Imani: Soon it will be time to look at ECAC attendance of members (as we near the end of the year). We need everyone to participate for the ECAC to be as robust as possible. AA County ECAC leadership is going to come present to us. As we near the end of the year we need new co-leads of all the workgroups.

Jeremiah Program Presentation: *Chastity Lord*: [clord@jeremiahprogram.org](mailto:clord@jeremiahprogram.org)

- See slides
- Application: <https://jeremiahprogram.org/join-the-movement/become-a-jp-mom/apply-to-be-a-jp-mom/>
- 75-100 moms in this 1<sup>st</sup> year
- Mom needs to have 1 child under age 10.



- Working on getting affordable housing for participants

#### **Open Floor:**

- Child Care Scholarship Town Halls were hosted. Child care providers submitted questions to MSDE regarding the scholarship.
  - MSDE decided not to give written responses
  - There will be a press conference about it—9/28 @ Homewood Early Learning Center, 200 Wyman Park Dr. @ 10 am
- Garima Bhatt Handley—Bedtime in a Box; Learning in a Box; moved into new warehouse space and having a Grand Opening 9/22/22 @ 1 pm
- Baltimore City Child Care Resource Center got grant re. childcare deserts throughout Baltimore City—focusing on
  - East Baltimore: Highlandtown, North & East Patterson Park, Madison East End, Greektown
  - South Baltimore: Cherry Hill, Lakeland, Brooklyn, Curtis Bay
  - Southwest Baltimore: Poppleton, Pigtown, Hollins Market, Mount Clare, Franklin Square, Harlem Park, and Greater Rosemont.
  - Free training
  - Business Coaching
  - Goal to be licensed by end of fiscal year
  - Laptop; child care software; printer;
  - Having Night at Book Bank on 10/19, 5-7 pm
- Early Childhood Research Forum: 10/11
  - Asked Martha Holleman to present about Abell Paper on Childcare subsidy and pre-k implementation
  - Want to meet w/Joe Manko about Blueprint implementation issues, he's on the AIB
  - How can WE be useful to the roll out of Pre-K expansion
    - Members do think having a facilitated discussion about this would be valuable.