



December Baltimore City ECAC Meeting

December 7, 2022

1:30 pm via Zoom

Meeting Objectives:

By the end of the meeting, members will:

- Vote on 9/21/22 ECAC meeting minutes
- Obtain updates from workgroups
- Discuss 2023 coalition work
- Hear from fellow ECAC members

Attendees:

Angelique Jessup

Ashley Bush

Briana Bostic

Cathy Pitchford

Chantal Sinady

Christina Peusch

Crystal Francis

Ebony Holliday

Garmia Bhatt Handley

Heather Yost

Hilary Roberts King

Imani Angela Rose

Joshua Michael

Khalilah Slater-Harrington

Lieny Jeon

Linda Callahan

Margo Candelaria

Mari Beth Moulton

Melissa Rock

Molly McGriff

Nikira Epps

Paige Hinerman

(representing Gena O'Keefe)

Sapphire Jackson

Tracy Harris

Yolanda Jenkins

Welcome & Icebreaker: *Imani Angela Rose & Crystal Francis*

Vote on 9/21/2022 meeting minutes: Mary Beth Moulton made a motion to approve the minutes.

Hilary Roberts-King seconded the motion. Approved unanimously!

Workgroup Reporting

- **All Hands In; *Crystal Francis & Imani Angela Rose***
 - Making sure they have the member pledges, ensuring ECAC members are attending their workgroup meetings; when people can't attend, they give notice
 - Thanks ECAC members for participating and for checking in when members have to miss a meeting
 - Want to change some of the language in the ECAC By-Laws—now that the Mayor's Office for Children and Family Success is a part of the ECAC: this will be sent out to members for a vote (which will happen remotely). We'll receive this in Early January. The language changes are included in the All Hands In report out document that was e-mailed.



- Looking at the Blueprint Legislation—Martha Holleman is looking to create an Ad Hoc committee
- **Strong Backbone; Khalilah Slater Harrington & Ashley Bush**
 - 3 subgroups: individual action items based on the reports and the website;
 - Working with Pratt Library on Imagination Celebration so ECAC is represented: presentation on early childhood; also will have tables at libraries in April
 - Working with Open Heart, too to get the milestones document updated
 - Blueprint also came up in this workgroup—Subgroup #2—Martha Holleman has been taking the charge to make sure we’re having discussions about pre-k expansion
- **Smart Thinking; Lieny Jeon & Margo Candelaria**
 - Use multiple data sources (beyond KRA) to look at outcomes for young children; brainstorming how to use ELA more often to better understand children’s experiences; looking at alignment between ELA and KRA to see alignment
 - Creating an archive of children and families’ experiences—unique identifier for birth – 5 year old; brainstorming how to have a better data archive; invited Crystal and her team to hear about City Schools; meeting with BD Health Department to discuss population health data; no way to know how many kids birth – 5 in city and how many pre-k seats are needed
 - Talking about new enrollment system at City Schools and how to leverage that with data archive
 - How to incorporate private childcare into data archive
 - Might choose a small neighborhood to pilot testing how to better build a data archive (maybe South Baltimore or Cherry Hill)
 - We can’t just wait for MSDE to have unique identifiers, so looking into alternatives
- **Open Heart; Linda Callahan & Nikira Epps**
 - Working on milestones document/infographic in collab with Strong Backbone team
 - 7 different age ranges to provide info and resources on
 - Just selected domains: physical, social, cognitive, communication, adaptive
 - Picked some milestones recently to display on the infographic
 - There will be a website to go along with the infographic
 - Next Step- link some of the available resources to those milestones—interactive infographic (and printable)



- Are they thinking about it being on mediums not just a piece of paper — magnet? Mug?
- Now they are!
- Reaching out to a designer to create it!
- Goal for the milestones document to be designed, printed, and ready to go so when Early Childhood Campaign of Strong Backbone starts it's ready for that!

ECAC 2023: *Imani Angela Rose & Crystal Francis*

- **Blueprint Ad Hoc Workgroup**
 - Martha Holleman will be leading this work; she's working on getting it funded and getting a neutral facilitator hired
 - Pre-k expansion; looking to create a more coordinated school system in every jurisdiction; school system can't do this alone—need to do it collaboratively with early childhood partners across Baltimore City; want the effort to be coordinated and streamlined
 - Creating an ad hoc workgroup to work on this (in the New Year)
 - Lots of other places already have mixed delivery pre-k systems—it's a huge lift, but we do have other states to learn from
 - City Schools has a lot of things to respond to for the Blueprint for their pre-k classrooms, but want to ensure they're engaging with other stakeholders
 - Need to have the right people on that workgroup
 - Is March 15th the deadline for City Schools to submit their plan? Need to see who is already having these conversations and working on this
 - Yes, that AIB template is due in March, this work won't be finished before that
 - Know they need Health Start at the table, private providers—even those who aren't ECAC members
- **January Retreat**
 - Retreat in January! Tentatively 1/25; 9-3ish (*tentatively*), 6665 Security Blvd, Woodlawn, Maryland
 - Calendar invite will be sent out
 - Working with Hyve who ECAC continues to partner with
 - Will be in person!! (No virtual option)
- **ECAC Leadership & Updated Bylaws Voting**



- Workgroup Leads play that role for 1 year; then have the option to step down; all the current leads will stay in place
- Link will sent out after this meeting to vote for co-leads of ECAC workgroups; ballot will include a space to write in someone else—including yourself!
- Co-Chairs have a 2-year term, so they stay on board through 2023
- This time next year we will have to look at new co-chair from full ECAC
- We'll get an e-mail to vote on amended by-laws in early January

- **ECAC Funding/Grants Ad Hoc Workgroup**
 - Most ECAC funding is from MSDE, and that 3 year grant is over at the end of this calendar year
 - Need a group of people to look at this issue!
 - Drafted a budget based on the workplans for all the workgroups for 2023 (Yolanda Jenkins will share it)
 - MSDE's Preschool Development Grant funds?
 - ECACs can apply, but people are hearing the feds are requiring a focus on early childhood workforce development
 - Have there been any commitments for funding for 2023?
 - Family League is covering some things
 - We think we can get some funding from MOCFS (website work)
 - What do other ECACs in Maryland do?
 - AA County—some of their work is embedded—they get funding from their County Executive;
 - We are a very high performing ECAC, so there aren't a lot of other models to look at
 - We can and should be creative about how we do our work
 - Prince George's County has created a Children's Cabinet there and connecting with them would help. Melissa volunteered to connect people from the ad hoc group with someone from that group

Open Floor: *all members can share information about their home organization such as:*

- *Member organizational needs, updates, and announcements*
- *Partner collaborations*
- *Reports use updates*
- Guaranteed Income Pilot update from Tonaeya Moore with [CASH Campaign of MD](#)
 - Current Program Overview:
 - For young parents 18-24 year olds
 - \$1,000 per month for 2 years
 - Resident of Baltimore



- Full or partial caretaking responsibilities
- Income at or below poverty level based on household side
- Received over 4,000 applications
- 200 participants were chosen; 150 group in control group—don't get monthly payment but get incentives for surveys, etc.
- Everyone was counseled on how it would impact their benefits, only 2 people pulled out due to the impact on their benefits
 - Top benefits: SNAP, MA, WIC, TCA—would lose entire TCA if they participated
 - Now working on getting waivers for the social benefits program
 - Have one for housing—Section 8 -- \$1,000/mo isn't counted against that
 - Working with other states on this, too
- Participants secured housing; increased ability to save money mental health improvements; save for personal necessities; jackets/coats; a lot of participants are now pursuing careers in medicine
- [Webinar](#) hosted about ABT Associated
- More info here:
 - Website with details about how these programs are going in various cities (including Baltimore): Here is the MGI Dashboard: <https://guaranteedincome.us/>
 - Baltimore Sun article: <https://www.baltimoresun.com/maryland/baltimore-city/bs-md-ci-basic-income-scott-20221123-tllhbwfvjtjhofoszushdy3crm-q-story.html>
 - Here is the Baltimore Banner Article: <https://www.thebaltimorebanner.com/politics-power/local-government/theyve-been-living-underwater-young-baltimore-parents-feel-immediate-impacts-from-guaranteed-income-WJ5XGNUUUBHWRODKEGUEDEFJ7MA/?tag1=twitter&tag2=socialnewsdesk&fbclid=IwAR1EAYqNBRspI9JZzLTKCgd8APYKcbMiNHGGG8jk0uHHIHUJWQkh2kZnIbM>
- They will share resources with their participants, also open to receiving resources to share with the offboarding—forward them to Tonaeya Moore tonaeya@cashmd.org