



March Baltimore City ECAC Meeting

September 20, 2023

1:30 pm via Zoom

Attendees:

Allison Van Horn
 Ashley Bush
 Betsy Decker
 Briana Bostic
 Cathy Costa
 Chantal Sinady
 Crystal Francis
 Cynthia Skinner
 Ebony Holliday
 Heather Yost
 Hilary Roberts King

Imani Angela Rose
 Jenee Tucker
 Jay Nelson*
 Kristen Kinkopf *
 Lieny Jeon
 Linda Callahan
 Lindsey Snyder
 Margo Candelaria
 Martha Hollemon
 Mari Beth Moulton
 Melissa Rock

Nkenge Yasin
 Najuma Yasin
 Nikira Epps
 Payal (MSDE office of child care)*
 Shannon Boroughs-Campbell
 Tracy Harris
 Yolanda Jenkins
 Xiangyu Olivia Zhao
 *not currently an ECAC member

Update on MSDE Grant Application

- MSDE opened a grant for ECACs
 - ECAC voted to request funding for an updated landscape analysis (last one came out in April 2020)
 - Will also include info on mixed delivery pre-k
 - Submitted 8/31st—haven't heard back yet
 - Will work w/Martha Holleman and Lieny Jeon on that landscape

Summer Work Updates

Open Heart Committee's Updated Developmental Milestones Document (Yolanda)

- Working w/a graphic designer—close to a final draft
- BHB did a document like this in 2018, it will be shared w/families city-wide
- It will also be available digitally
- Some next steps: next iteration would be how to get it onto the ECAC website and interactive—includes QR codes to resources, so would be extra functional on a website



Mixed Delivery Pre-K Update (Imani)

- Had to reschedule 1st meeting, need all the early childhood care providers engaged (Head Start, family child care providers, child care centers, City Schools, etc.)
- **Next meeting of that group is: October 5th, 12-2 pm in person—look out for the details**

Leadership Updates

- At the end of each year, nominate Work Group co-leads; every 2 years, nominate ECAC co-chairs
- Vote will be in December so new leaders can get started in January
- Also, all members need to sign their pledges in December for the next calendar year (if they're staying on ECAC for 2024)

Member Updates

- B'more for Healthy Babies Aquarium Event: 11/7th – Aquarium open for families to attend for free
 - Want families with young children to get first dibs for the tickets
 - They'll also need volunteers that night
- Building Better Beginnings Parent Advocacy Training will be in Baltimore City, October 5th at Port Discovery, dinner and childcare will be provided (the kids will get to be in the museum w/museum staff)
 - There are 4 sessions, the first one is in person, the last 3 are virtual
 - Parents will receive gift cards for their participation
 - [English](#) registration form
 - [Spanish](#) registration form

Next Meeting: December 13th, 2023, 1:30 – 3 pm