



Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2024

Attendees:

Allison Van Horn
Bill Hudson
Carly Reighard
Cathy Costa
Chantal Sinady
Chris Peusch
Crystal Francis
Cynthia Skinner
Danni Reed
Darlene Abraham

Ebony Holliday
Imani Angela Rose
Kristen Kinkopf
Linda Callahan
Malkia Singelton
Mari Beth Moulton
Martha Holleman
Maura Kennedy
Melissa Rock
Nikira Epps

Olivia Zhao
Rachel Demma
Shannon Burroughs-Campbell
Sonja Tuck
Stacie Kossoy
Tracy Harris
Trina Powell
Yolanda Jenkins

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

Introductions- All attendees

Vote on 12/13/2023 meeting minutes—Minutes approved unanimously.

Workgroup Reporting

- All Hands In: *Crystal Francis & Imani Angela Rose*
 - Working on ECAC's budget
 - Will be updating landscape
 - Members need to attend their workgroup meetings
 - Meeting w/Baltimore City Mayor, City Schools, and BCHD
 - Planned ECAC Retreat that occurred in January
- Strong Backbone; *Ashley Bush & Tracy Harris*
 - Many ECAC members lead a panel about the Blueprint mixed delivery system at the BCCCRC Wellness conference
 - Honing in on what problem we want to solve
 - Maybe hosting an Early Childhood conference or Expo
 - If a conference is pursued, it will be entire ECAC not only this workgroup
 - Cross Collaboration with other workgroups
 - Continuous connections with families (with Open Heart)
 - Looking at access issues for childcare (issues have occurred with cases reviewed by the Fetal Infant Mortality Review Team)
- Smart Thinking; *Briana Bostic & Hilary Roberts-King*
 - Received the MSDE grant to update the landscape analysis—Martha Holleman, MD Family Network, Balt Education Research Consortium, Balt Neighborhood Indicator Analysis

- Look at where families with young children live in the City
- Where services are for families with young children
- Where are the gaps?
- Made grant to Prenatal to 5 Affinity Group at Maryland Philanthropy Network
- Plan is to turn around products as they're completed
- MSDE grant goes until the summer, but received it late, so might request a no cost extension
- Working with child care providers to collect real time data similar to data collected by Head Start and Early Head Start
- Open Heart; *Linda Callahan & Nikira Epps*
 - 1500 copies of the Milestones document
 - Want to send out a survey to know how it's been used, if it's been helpful (to send more copies)
 - Family Engagement: getting funding for a consultant
 - Was included in Baltimore City Health Department Rattle and Roll materials that go out to pediatric providers across the City.
- Blueprint Ad Hoc Workgroup Update; *Imani Angela Rose & Crystal Francis*
 - Meeting in person
 - Hired consultant: Daniele Ewen
 - 20 members, includes child care providers, City Schools, childcare providers (only centers so far)

General ECAC Updates:

- Strategic Planning: *Yolanda Jenkins*
 - Last strategic plan was in 2019
 - Hyve would help with that later in the year
- Imagination Celebration: *Yolanda Jenkins*
 - ECAC can be a vendor to share info about the coalition and about members & what the members do
 - April 6th—Imagination Celebration Kickoff—10 am – 2 pm at the Central Library
 - Also tabling at BCHD event at Port Discovery on 4/9—5-9 pm
 - BCCCRC event—May 4th

Open Floor: *all members can share information about their home organization such as: Member organizational needs, updates, announcements/events and partner collaborations*

- The issue of people needing after hours care impacts police, and other folks across Baltimore City and it might be a good thing for the ECAC to look at.
 - Will look at this for the landscape
- Maryland Family Network shared info about 2 Strengthening Families events in April (were also emailed out)
- Budget cuts in Annapolis leading to issues about child care scholarship having copays reinstituted, which would be problematic
- E-mail campaign on [HB 1441](#)



