



## KENT COUNTY LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD

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## MINUTES

### Board Meeting & Guiding Coalition

April 15th, 2021

9:30 am – 11:00 am

Lauren Scarce, Van Hamlin, Annie Woodall, Jamie Barrett, John Schratwieser, Katie Dilley, Shelley Heller, Shelly Neal-Edwards, Sherone Lewis, Ashley Boyles

Staff: Dawson Hunter, Rosemary Ramsey Granillo

Rev. Sheila Lomax, Rev. Mary Walker, Teverly Swinson, Arlene Lee, Liz Gross, Michael Harvey, Pat Nugent, Doncella Wilson

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#### Board Business

- Approve March, Minutes John Schratwieser, Annie Woodall
- Gift Disclosures were mailed, please return or send an email

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#### Action Plan Achievements – see slide

**COVID 19 Rental Assistance** – MRDC to enroll clients, Mid Shore Pro Bono to attend court and mail those on docket for eviction (needed to address those who do not appear in court, making it very difficult to prevent eviction) Need to present documentation to prevent eviction, Mid Shore Pro Bono can help before its too late.

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#### Partner Alerts, Asks & Offers

Doncella Wilson- Minary's Dream Alliance, partnered with WAC for Hip Hop Time Capsule, also launching Teen Clubhouse for youth impacted by substance use – multiple partnerships for skill and youth development. Kent, Caroline, Talbot, Queen Anne's, Dorchester. Working with Shore Rivers on land engineering.

Pat Nugent – Hip Hop Time Capsule application closing soon. 8 paid internships for KCHS students to work with WAC students, professors, and KC mentors to explore, create, and record music and poetry.

Michael Harvey: Provost at the college in charge of the academic program and student learning. Washington College loves what Pat, the Heartland Project, and the Starr Center are doing and would like to extend that model to more partnerships, more engagement with the community, and build that more robustly into academic

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program. Pursuing that with something half-jokingly called our 'big idea': a possible well-funded initiative in Leadership, Environment, and Community. Maybe that would be the name of a new school, with the financial capacity to support student community service internships. This is in the early stages of what that might mean, but a big part of what it would mean is working with partners like LMB and its members, to get students connected with helping the community at a grass-roots level. If interested you can contact: [mharvey2@washcoll.edu](mailto:mharvey2@washcoll.edu), 410-490-4236. This is in the early, brainstorming, speculative phase, so this is the time to bring forth ideas. Van Hamlin, KCPS: 80% of students will start attending school 4 days a week on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

John Schratwieser – Heartland Artist fellowships, Call for Musicians to partner with KCPS to create curriculum-based class with a fine arts teacher. NEA land research about Native American residents Ozine and Tockwogh tribes, seeking a Native American writer to apply. October 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Event to celebrate the light at the end of the tunnel with artisans, food trucks, partners.

Lauren S. DJS: Just a few referrals and nothing pending in court.

Annie Woodall: In building services on Tues & Thursday every hour on the hour for thirty minutes. Summer Reading Program for all ages with outdoor events. Struggling with Rock Hall branch because the municipal building is still closed to the public.

Ashley Boyles: will share other vaccine options in the region. Whitsitt has resumed open-door in-patient treatment on Wednesdays.

Jamie Barrett: Helping KCHD with vaccines with phone calls and referrals.

Liz Gross: United Way usually fund 26 to 30 grantees, reviewing applications now for Education, Health, Financial Stability. \$160,000 total grant funds, grants distributed between \$1,000 to \$15,000.

Shelley Heller – The County is in the budget process. American Rescue Plan has been released with about \$10 million total for the County and towns, the County's allocation is \$3.77 million, but will tackle once the budget cycle is winding down.

More guidance will come in mid May.

Shelly Neal-Edwards – DSS new system goes live on Monday to determine eligibility for SNAP and TANF. Kinship Navigation support for some cash assistance, the pilot program will help them get guardianship to allow them to be eligible for more benefits, but there is a control group since it's an evidence-based program. START program is running and busy. Agency has several vacancies and a hiring freeze.

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Wanda Boyer – Chestertown’s 16-month plan includes enslavement memorial that is being guided by Ad Hoc Committee for the Chestertown Memorial of Enslavement.

Open to new members.

Sherone, MSBH – Adolescent Clubhouse, Mental Health Crisis Beds at Whitsitt had to be RFP’d out again due to COVID , so now they will be in Talbot starting July 1.

Assisted Living Behavioral Health Services RFP starting in Mid May. MSBH is ready to table for outdoor community events and is hiring a finance director.

11:00 Motion to adjourn, John Schratwieser, second by Shelley Heller.

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**Next Board Meeting: Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Next Board and Guiding Coalition Meeting: Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup>**

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MARYLAND



April 14, 2021



## Board and Guiding Coalition Meeting



FY 2020 – FY 2022

# COMMUNITY PLAN



## VISION:

Equal access, shared assets, full opportunity.

## MISSION:

Harnessing our collective strengths to connect and lift vulnerable Kent County youth and families.

## PRIORITIES

- 1 Focus on economic security and mobility for 600-900 youth and their families impacted by poverty
- 2 Start by addressing the basic needs of youth and their families experiencing poverty
- 3 Strengthen Systems of Care by increasing organizational capacity and collaboration among providers
- 4 Support proven programs and innovative approaches led by individuals and organizations willing to upend the status quo

## RESULTS:



Children are successful in school



Youth have opportunities for employment or career readiness



Families are safe and economically stable

# FY20 – FY23\* ACTION PLAN

## 5 GOALS

- 1 Raise awareness and understanding of poverty in Kent County and the impacts of COVID-19
- 2 Ensure coordination of services to address basic needs
- 3 Expand funding and capacity of the KCLMB to drive multi-sector collaboration
- 4 Provide youth experiencing poverty opportunities through education and career pathways
- 5 Train all service providers in trauma-informed care with a focus on diversity, equity and inclusion

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\*With community input, the KCLMB and Guiding Coalition developed core activities focused on effective implementation of the FY20-FY22 Community Plan. It was determined that some of the activities would extend beyond the time horizon of the Community Plan.



FY 21

# ACTION PLAN & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Goals	Actions and Accomplishments	Lead
1 AWARENESS	<a href="#">National discourse</a> , <a href="#">Chesapeake Heartland</a> discussion on history and policies that drive poverty and/or economic mobility	Washington College, Partner Press Releases
2 BASIC NEEDS	Food Pantry <a href="#">Directory</a> and Supplemental Mobile Pantries, Feeding Initiative	KCLMB / Saving Hope/Minary's Dream Alliance
3 CAPACITY	Rental Assistance and Homelessness Solutions	Caroline and Kent Housing and Homelessness Solutions
4 YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES	DCT On Demand rides to vaccine appointments; awareness campaign, going electronic	KCLMB & DCT
5 TRAUMA & RACE EQUITY	KCLMB's Housing and Transportation Coordinator and the County's Grants Manager and Procurement Manager (soon to be advertised)	KCLMB and County Commissioners
	KCLMB partnership with Upper Shore Regional Council to support Housing and Transportation Coordinator's work	KCLMB staff
	Minary's Dream Alliance; Trojan Influence After School Program – both include transportation	Minary's Dream Alliance, KCMS, KCLMB
	Confess Project, Somatic Abolition 9 month Series, ACES trainings within KCPS & Healthy Families	KCLMB & KCPS

# Housing



## EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

They say most of us are only one or two paychecks away from poor housing situations. The MRDC ERAP team is meant to help those who are currently experiencing and fearful they may be facing homelessness due to an upcoming eviction. Our team works with federal, state and county governments along with private foundations and other organizations to obtain resources and expand community capacity. In addition to providing limited direct assistance, the unit also partners with other organizations in the community to support people as they move closer to self-sustainability. Contact us today using the form at the bottom of the page if you need help!

For housing and rental assistance related to COVID-19, please contact Tammy Duff or MRDC at [tduff@mrdc.net](mailto:tduff@mrdc.net) or call 410-482-2585 ext 227.

<https://www.mrdc.net/our-programs/housing/>