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Board and Guiding Coalition

Sept. 17th, 2020, 9:00 am – 10:40 pm

Attendance:

Board Members: Annie Woodall, KCPL; Deeann Jones, Character Counts; Jamie Barrett, Jeanine Beasley, MSBH; Shelley Heller, KCC; Shelly Neal-Edwards, KCDSS; Van Hamlin, KCPS; Bill Clark, DJS

Absent: Myra Butler, Wanda Boyer, Gordon Wallace, Teverly Swinson, Herbert Dennis, John Schratwieser, Bill Webb & Gail Yerkie

Guiding Coalition, Staff & Interns: Arlene Lee, Lisa Starkey, Lisa Mazingo, Doncella Wilson, Jen Friedman, Rosemary Ramsey Granillo

Board Business

August 28th Minutes: Motion to approve by Bill Clark, seconded by Annie Woodall, Approved by all.

Recommend reappointments for October: Teverly Swinson requests a second term, Gordon Wallace declined

Motion to recommend that the Commissioner's reappoint Teverley Swinson for a second term, by Bill Clark, and seconded by Annie Woodall, approved by all.

Vacant Position will be advertised.

Aligned Actions

The Board and Guiding Coalition Members reviewed a summary of the Community Plan and then reviewed the 5 Goals and aligned actions. Board and Guiding Coalition members will continue to add items.

Internet Access- How to address access at Baywood? KCPS is down one of the three hot spot busses and may not be able to continue there and the signal hasn't been strong enough to reach inside the homes. Could we create a Learning Hub at Camp Fairlee? KCMS will start bringing students into school who have specific needs or access issues on September 28th.

Presented Open Door Initiative w/Ashley Singer

Discussion: [P-EBT](#)

P-EBT for June July August for all children in MD who are Free and Reduced Meal (FARM) eligible and all CEP school students are eligible (All students at Rock Hall and Garnet Elementary Schools). P-EBT was automatically added to existing EBT cards or if new to EBT, DHS mailed the card to the home address provided by MSDE. Sept. enrollees probably won't make the cut before funds run out.

KCPS and KCDSS and KCLMB will work to identify who didn't receive their card and how to resolve with MSDE and DHS. Ends Sept. 30th. Can work to identify which households didn't receive a card, verify the address, track client request form submissions, etc.

Partner Updates

Doncella Wilson, Systems of Care: Last two weeks of Census with Food Trucks

Annie Woodall, KCPL: Curbside Services, encouraging phone calls, seeking new board member

Arlene Lee, Social Action for Racial Justice: Food distribution to families – give-aways for veggies, other items; Online Undoing Racism training, Street Painting, helping Baywood food insecurity, transportation, learning.

Deeann Jones, Character Counts: Character on the Back of Tidewater Trader every other week

Volunteering at Presbyterian Church, rough start, going much better

Jamie Barrett: Rising Sons talking to kids on Zoom, Sumner hall gardening volunteers. Participating with Confess Project

Jen Friedman: Interning with KCLMB; liaison between Garfield to use social justice themed plays – workshopping them with early education specialists and other, will direct and produce them and take them to the schools or virtual. 1st – 3rd grade focus. USDA Prosperity Summit – community facility grants and other community development/learning hub grants.

Lisa Mazingo- Kent Family Center mostly virtual and supporting isolated families with infants and toddlers. A lot of home and community visits. Open for some service linking (speech therapy, etc). Soft opening in Oct. to support virtual learning, but need to figure out transportation. Still providing Mental Health support regardless of insurance. Opening for new Service Coordinator.

Lisa Starkey, Clifton Foundation: funding addiction recovery organizations and others who can teach the 6 pillars of Character Counts.

Shelley Heller, Kent County Commissioners: 400 will open Oct 1st for payment and permit questions with Planning and Zoning office. Will no longer be renewing tags at 400 High St. Finalizing the CRF fund process. Sept. 29th will discuss what to do with remainder.

Bill Clark, Dept. of Juvenile Services: Moved to Centerville and still teleworking.

Shelly Neal-Edwards, KC Dept. of Social Services: still rolling out new platforms. Eligibility and Enrollment Platform, CJAMS for Child Protection Services, ECM to maintain confidentially, MD Think. Still doing statewide processing. Still visiting SENS newborns within 48 hours. No new hires and a lot of retirements. Kent County Cares Foundation for the Child Advocacy Center: Shelley Heller was the volunteer of the year.

Van Hamlin, KCPS: 1. Distributed 61 hotspots to students' homes and that's serving 96 students.

2. One of the school buses with wifi was in an accident (no students). Now down to two buses to use for hotspots.

3. All students under the age of 18 are eligible for meals and will receive free breakfast and lunch until Dec.31st. The USDA provided a waiver for the summer program to continue.

4. September 28, 2020 planning to bring back 16-20 students to the Middle School. These students have some of the following circumstances: an IEP, 504, family issues, lack of participation, lack of achievement and connectivity problems.

Motion to Adjourn at 10:40 by Bill Clark and seconded by Annie Woodall

Next Board Meeting: October 15th, 9:00

Next Board and Guiding Coalition Meeting: November 19th 9:00