

Meeting Minutes

Kent County Local Management Board Meeting January 23, 2025, 9:30am – 11:00 am In Person



Unitarian Universalist Church
914 Gateway Drive, Chestertown MD 21620

Attendance

Board Members: Van Hamlin, Claudia Wayne, Jill Coleman, Tracey Watters, Lauren Scearce, Nikki Strong, Wanda Boyer, and Zita Seals

Staff and Guests: Dr. Mary McComas, Dr. Patrick Nugent, Michelle Johnson, Rosemary Ramsey Granillo, Rachael Carmody, and Niara Wilson

Absent: Terrence Moody, Kathryn Dilley, Samantha Rivera, Jamie Barrett, Julie Gill, Shelley Heller, and Susan Berman

Agenda and Minutes

Reviewed agenda, Motion carried to approve the minutes from October 17, 2024; Zita Seals, Second: Tracey Watters

Braiding Investments In Uptown Chestertown (See slides attached)

- Rachael presented on the Systems of Care Vision
- Dr. Patrick Nugent presented updates and plans for the Innovative Plant at Washington College.
- Rosemary spoke about Health, Education, and Child Poverty strategies in Maryland and Kent County

Breakout Groups

- Outreach- Efforts are underway through community events, social media, and QR code virtual events, but we are currently missing collaboration with the Community School Coordinators. By partnering with them, we can build resources and establish them as the central point of contact, rather than relying on multiple agencies. The impacts of covid including isolation and mental health had a significant effect on the youth.
- After school- An innovative club for teens within walking distance, with a dedicated counselor on-site, would provide valuable support. However, transportation would be needed to access the Worton Community Center, Innovation Hub, and the library. KCPR would expand programming for teens.
- Implement housing and entrepreneurship support, along with target zoning reform, to attract long-term employers and draw in telecommuters.

Partner Updates

- There are three vacant seats on the KCLMB board that must be filled by June 2025. Terrance has resigned, and Samantha is no longer working for the Kent Family Center. If you have any suggestions, please let Van or Rosie know.
- Brighter Day Funds, administered by the Kent County Local Management Board's Local Care Team, are available to families in need. For families outside the Local Care Team, the maximum award amount is \$300. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, subject to fund availability.



**KENT COUNTY LOCAL
MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Board Meeting January 23, 2025



Agenda

9:30 – 9:40

Welcome

- Review agenda
 - Approve Minutes from Oct. 17th
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9:40 – 10:15

Braiding Investments in Uptown Chestertown

- Rachael: Systems of Care Vision
 - Dr. Pat Nugent: Innovation Plant updates and plans
 - Rosie: Health, Education, & Child Poverty
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10:15 – 10:45

Break Out Groups

- Children's Agenda exercise with preliminary KNOCK data
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10:45 – 11:00

Updates and Announcements

Systems of Care: Building Stronger Communities



What is a System of Care?

A system of care is a coordinated network of services and supports organized to meet the physical, emotional, and social needs of children, youth, and families.

- Originates from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.
- Focuses on individualized, family-centered, culturally competent care.

Family Driven, Youth Guided

Families and youth are equal partners in decision-making.

Community Based

Services are available within the community and leverage local resources

Culturally Competent

Services respect and respond to the cultural backgrounds of individuals.



Strengthening Systems of Care

SAMHSA created a strategic framework based on a study of effective strategies for expansion and research on making and sustaining systematic changes. The framework includes five “core strategy areas.” (Stroul, et.al., 2015).

01

Implementing Policy, Regulatory, and Partnership Changes

02

Developing or expanding services and supports based on the system of care philosophy and approach.

03

Creating or improving financing strategies

04

Providing training, technical assistance, and workforce development

05

Generating support through strategic communications.

What Our Community Already Has in Place

Collaborative Agencies:

- The LMB in conjunction with the LCT, Chester Valley Ministries Association (CVMA), Mid-Shore Behavioral Health (MSBH)

New Funding Sources:

- ENOUGH Grant, Mid Shore Hub Pilot Initiative, Mid-Shore Community Foundation

Community-Based Support:

- Beyond Your Mental, Minary's Dream Alliance, Wraparound Maryland, etc.

Commitment to Cultural Competence:

- Ongoing efforts to reach underrepresented populations.

Ongoing Opportunities

- Expand community partnerships.
- Increase visibility of services through outreach.
- Improve systems for data sharing and feedback.



Key Message

A robust System of Care is built on three interrelated components—an array of services, a supportive infrastructure, and an underlying philosophy that guides the system and its services—anchored by collaboration, innovation, and a commitment to the well-being of children, youth, and families.



Collaboration

Continue to increase collaboration across agencies through shared work and building a data-sharing network.



Advocacy

Advocating for resources designed for rural systems and securing funding for resources that fit our community.

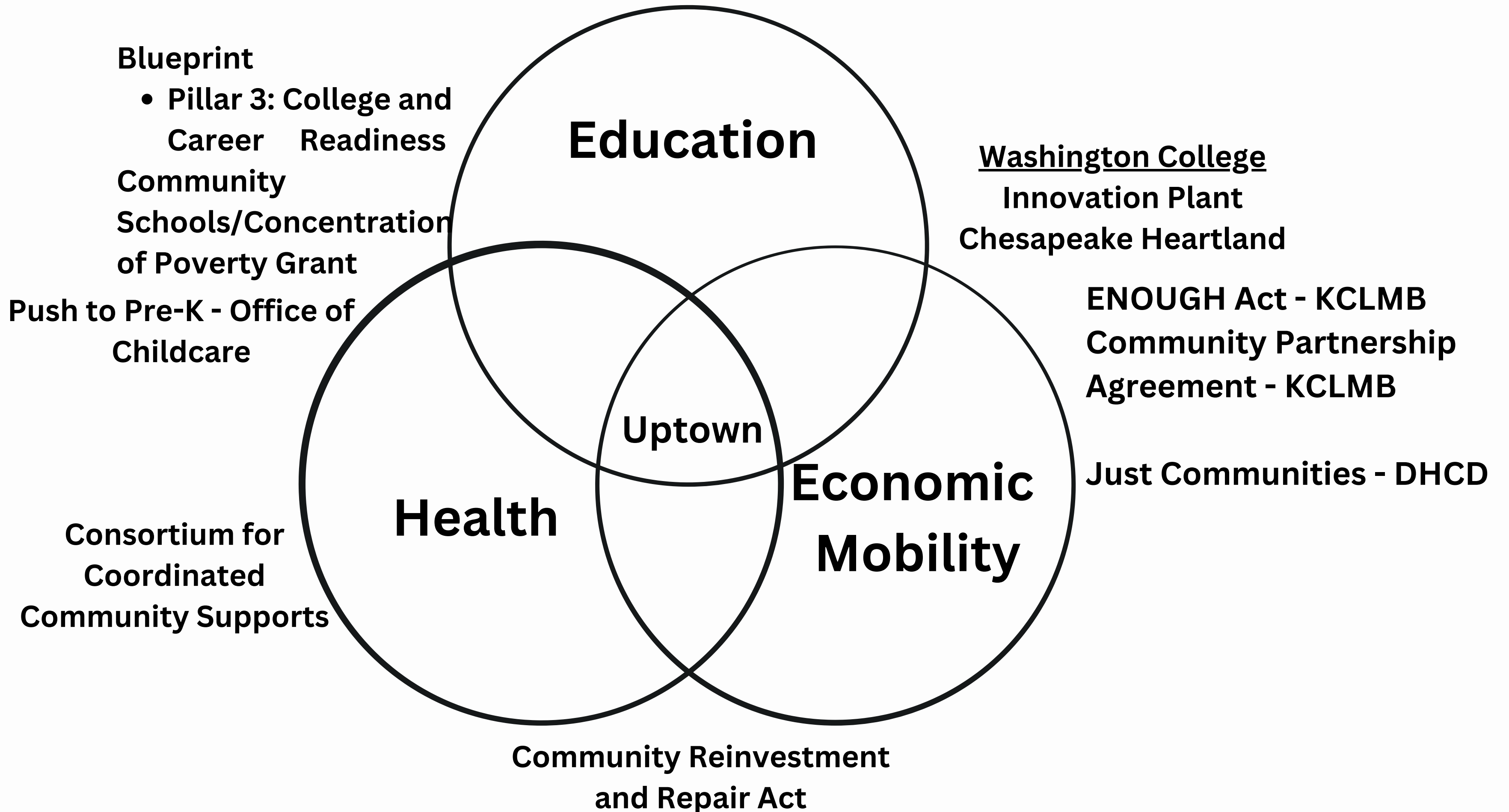


Family Centered

Centering families and youth in all decision-making processes.



Braiding Investments in Uptown



Uptown Chestertown

NEIGHBORHOODS

Primary

Washington Park
Edge of Town
Brookmeadow
Hilltop
Calvert, Prospect, Upper Cannon
Chestertown Cove
Chestertown Landing
Colonial Manor
Scheeler & Haacke

Secondary

Coventry Farms
College Heights
Foxly Manor





Innovation Plant

Dr. Pat Nugent

Upcoming! Spring & Summer 2025

Coalition Building - Everyday Canvassing returns to follow up on KNOCK! and to help build a neighborhood-led Children's Agenda.



Community Stakeholder Engagement Class - To analyze canvassing interviews/data and draft concepts for the Children's Agenda

Teaching Fellows - for KCPS, WAC, & Chesapeake College teachers to design innovation plant related curriculum

Summer internships - for KCHS students to get dirty and creative at the Innovation Plant and share their perspectives for program design

Mid Shore Capacity Circuit Rider - learning hub of non profits supported by a consultant to assess and support operations

Children's Agenda Activity

The following slides are the categories and words that emerged from asking residents of what they want to see to make Chestertown the best place to be a kid.

In groups, discuss the data and answer:

What would our agencies and orgs need to do to facilitate these changes?

How can we use existing resources and programs to support these changes?

Youth Development and Community Spaces

