December 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Rosemary Ramsey Granillo at 10:05

In attendance
Board Members: Vice Chair Myra Butler, Shelley Heller, Shelly Neal-Edwards, William Webb, Gail Yerkie, Kathryn Dilley, Annie Woodall, John Schratwieser, Janice Steffy, Teverly Swinson

Absent: Deanne Jones, William Clark, Jamie Barrett, Herbert Dennis

Staff: Rosemary Ramsey Granillo and Doncella Wilson, Lauren Maddox Due East Partners

Approval of Minutes
Motion by Gail Yerkie, Second by Myra Butler, all approved.

For November 2018, motion by Myra Butler, second by John Schratwieser, approved unanimously.

Partner Sharing
Kent County Parks and Recreation is having a job fair on January 2nd at the Community Center in Worton

Kent County Department of Health – Introducing William Webb, new Health Officer

Kent County Public Library – January 9th Newsuem Presentation “Escape Junk News” 6pm

KCLMB – Youth Undoing Racism workshop on Presidents Day Weekend Feb. 17 and 18

Visioning Session with Due East Partners

Feedback

- Key Issues
  - Declining demographics
  - More second homers (losing population)
  - More retirees/fewer families
  - Affordable housing
  - Transportation
  - Lack of Rec Centers for kids (Boys & Girls Clubs)
  - Needing mentoring
  - Opioid – significant but small # substance
  - Declining health services (primary care)
  - Child care – geographic – no infant spots
  - Prenatal care
- Gaps
  - Afterschool programs
  - Affordable Housing – no housing
  - Job opportunity/employment
  - Access to services – lack of transportation
- What’s working
  - Family support center – just came back
  - Economic Development (re-opening movie theater)
  - Customizable services to families’ (informal not systematic)
- Volunteerism/service
  - GC?
  - Samaritan Group
  - Habitat
  - Star
  - Wash College
  - Hospital
  - Dixon?
  - Angelica Nursery
  - INTERACT – Rotary Volunteerism?
  - United Way
  - Local/town government
- Results (2018-2019)
  - Families are Safe & Economically Stable - better employment/career opportunities
  - Youth have opportunities for readiness
  - Healthy children – racial disparity
  - DJS – racial disparities referrals
  - Grandparents raising grandchildren (supports’ kinship care)

Next Meeting: January 31st 10:00 am