October 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Rosemary Ramsey Granillo at 9:10

**In attendance**

Board Members:
- Shelley Heller (Commissioners)
- William Clark (DJS)
- William Webb, KCHD
- Sherone Thompson, MSBH
- Annie Woodall (Kent County Public Library)
- Myra Butler (KCPR)
- John Schratwieser (KCAC)
- Deann Jones (Character Counts)
- Shelly Neal-Edwards (KCDSS)
- Jamie Barrett
- Herbert Dennis, KCDC
- Wanda Boyer
- Gordan Wallace

Guiding Coaltion Members:
- Pat Nugent, C.V. Starr Center
- Sheila Lomax, Graves Chapel
- Jen Proudfoot, Dixon Valve
- Lisa Starkey, Clifton Foundation

**Absent:** Janice Steffy, KCPS

**Staff:** Rosemary Ramsey Granillo, Doncella Wilson, Bess Langbein, Sarah Ramsey, Ana Reynoso

**Agenda:**

See slides below

**Next Meeting:**

November 14th, Kent Ends Poverty Community Action Planning Session @ Kent Center

November 21st, Board and Guiding Coalition @KCCC
Advancing our Community Plan
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Community Plan Finalized and Year 1 Action Planning

Year 1 Implementation

Community Plan Refinement and Year 2 Action Planning

Year 2 Implementation

Q1 2019
Q2 2019
Q3 2019
Q4 2019
Q1 2020
Q2 2020
Q3 2020

FY 2020 – FY 2022

Community Plan Timeline
MILESTONES

November 15th
Community Action Planning Session

November 21st
Board + GC Meeting: Final draft of the Action Plan including targeted Strategies

December 19th
Present draft FY20-FY21 Action Plan

December ’19
Build out partnerships and strategic advisors

December ’19 – June ’20
Identify and target aligned and new funding

January ’20 – June ’20
Refine Community Plan and secure additional funding for FY 21
• **School Attendance** – KCLMB has joined the Kent County Public Schools and the Court’s Truancy Reduction Program to provide supports to chronically absent students and comparative attendance data to parents and students.

• **Mobility Mentoring** – FY20 partners Kent Family Center and About Child Trauma are piloting efforts to use the evidence-based Mobility Mentoring model to intensively coach people who have experienced the chronic stress of poverty and racism and lead them toward more stable and positive results.

• **Chester Valley Minister’s Association** – KCLMB is facilitating a one-year process to explore the question of “How do we build Wealth Among Neighbors?” to better understand the issues that families face in Kent County and effective approaches to address them.

• **United Way, Opportunity Group, and Rural Education Reform Initiative** – KCLMB is collaborating to align efforts with the recommendations and proposals that are being identified by these initiatives.
**Vision:** Equal access, shared assets, full opportunity.

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

**Priorities:**
- Focus on youth and families impacted by intergenerational poverty
- Systematically enhance collaboration among organizations and agencies
- Strengthen Systems of Care and increase awareness and access to services
- Successfully attract new dollars from inside and outside the County

**Results:**
- Children are successful in school
- Youth have opportunities for employment or career readiness
- Families are safe and economically stable

**FY 2020 – FY 2022 Community Plan**
[Approved: May 2019]
REFINING PRIORITIES AND PRIMARY STRATEGIES

Initial Priorities - May 2019

• Focus on youth and families impacted by intergenerational poverty
• Systematically enhance collaboration among organizations and agencies
• Strengthen Systems of Care and increase awareness and access to services
• Successfully attract new dollars from inside and outside the County

Proposed Priorities – Oct 2019

• Focus on economic mobility for the 616 youth and their families impacted by intergenerational poverty
• Strengthen Systems of Care by increasing organizational capacity and collaboration among providers.
• Align existing funding and successfully attract new dollars from inside and outside the County
Proposed Headline Strategies

• Provide access to robust, high-quality services and supports for children and their families

• Raise awareness throughout the county of the complex challenges faced by local children and families experiencing intergenerational poverty

• Increase capacity of local organizations and agencies to address basic needs (food, housing and transportation)

• Create a culture that is available and open to funding from private and public sources
Economic opportunity

Families are safe and economically stable

Children are successful in school

Youth have opportunities for employment and career readiness

Access to services

Economic opportunity

Awareness of barriers

Systems of care

Strengthening the Foundation of Families and our Community

THEORY OF CHANGE
WHAT DO WE CALL IT?

• Kent Families Forward
• Opportunity Kent
• Kent Ends Poverty
• Other ideas?
REVIEW AND REFINE AGENDA

• Welcome and introductions
• Background and storytelling
• FY20-FY22 Community Plan
• Turning the Curve for Kent County Youth & Families
• Reporting in and aligning strategies and action items
• Call to action
• Closing and next steps
Details

• **What:** Community action planning to collectively create opportunities for all youth and families in Kent County.

• **Who:** Community and business leaders, service providers and concerned residents

• **When:** November 15, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

• **Where:** Kent Center
INITIAL ACTION PLANNING
CONSTITUENT ENGAGEMENT TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION

• Youth leadership
• Prospective funders
• Others?
UPCOMING MEETINGS

Community Action Planning Session
November 15th, 2 pm – 5 pm

Board/Guiding Coalition Meeting
November 21st, 9 am – 11 am

Board/Guiding Coalition Meeting
December 19, 9 am – 11 am