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**Harford County Local Management Board
Board Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2023**

Members Present: Rob Basler (Chair), Silvana Bowker, Jennifer Redding (representing Vickie Ensor Bands), Capt. Tracy Penman (representing Capt. John Bowman), Megan Deacon, Cora Grishkot, Mary Hastler, Frank Kellner, Angela Gray (representing Jessica Kraus), Portia McConnell, Anne Marie Porretti, Mary Beth Stapleton, Robin Tomechko, Laura Walker and Laurie Rajala (Manager)

Members Absent: Marcy Austin, Megan Cornett, Crystal DeJesus, Ross DiEdoardo, Melissa Feliciano, Len Parrish, Albert Peisinger, Aubrey Schwartz, Jennie Towner, Patrick Vincenti and Pastor Baron Young

Guests: Niesha Franklin, Genelle Hatcher, Jill Latteri, David McDougall, Samantha Reynolds, Amber Shrodes, Joe Sliwka and Dr. Roclande White

Welcome and Introductions: Rob Basler called the meeting to order at 8:20am. All Board members were introduced. Laurie Rajala provided Board members an update on Board appointments. Laurie sent the list to Jen Davis with the Appointments Office. We are still waiting for those to be approved.

Minutes: The November 17, 2022, minutes were unanimously approved upon the motion of Laura Walker, with a second from Mary Beth Stapleton. Quorum was present.

Inform - Community Schools:

- Dr. Roclande White, Genelle Hatcher, Samantha Reynolds and Niesha Franklin provided an overview of the Community Schools model.
- Community schools are public schools that partner with families and community organizations to provide well-rounded educational opportunities and supports for students' school success. The pillars of Community Schools are: Integrated Student Support, Expanded & Enriched Learning Time & Opportunities, Active Family & Community Engagement and Collaborative Leadership & Practices. The long-term goal is to be a hub of information and a one stop shop for families for all their needs.
- The goal is to have three additional schools added in the future.

Board Member Announcements:

- Cora Grishkot announced that effective February 2023, the additional SNAP benefits, that were funded through the pandemic, will be ending. In addition, in May 2023, those qualifying for Medical Assistance will have to have a re-determination meeting to continue benefits.
- Angela Gray announced the Your Mind Matters: A Family Wellness Event 2023 on May 19, 2023, from 5pm-9pm.

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- Mary Beth announced the JROTC program happening at Joppatowne High School. It is taking 50 students and will be run by retired Army staff.

Discussion/Action Items:

- Ready by 21 – Jill Latteri
 - o There are 17 youth currently aging out of the foster care system through the Department of Social Services. Jill discussed the need in the County to support these youth with resources and services. Similar initiatives have occurred over the years and Jill requested a group of stakeholders meet to re-visit this topic. Those participants should include: Susquehanna Workforce, the Sheriff's Office, faith-based organizations, Harford Community College, Housing and the Division of Rehabilitative Services. Jill, Angela, Silvana and Laurie will work on getting this group together. Jenn Redding also discussed using Arrow to assist this population of youth.
- Local Care Team Update – Laurie Rajala
 - o Since the last Board meeting, the LCT has heard 19 cases. Of the 19 cases, 1 youth was approved for the Teen Diversion program, 3 youth were referred for voluntary placement and all the youth received additional resources and community supports.
- Juvenile Justice Reform/ Bridge Program – Laurie Rajala
 - o One referral has come through for the Bridge Program since the last meeting. Tiffany Eckstein-Hartwig (Bridge Program Coordinator) is planning to work with local Law Enforcement on training.
- Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) Update – Mary Beth Stapleton
 - o Mary Beth discussed the Blueprint's goal of Pre-K expansion and working with private providers on this goal. There is an education requirement that can make it difficult for providers to qualify for the benefits. The Family Service Workers at Magnolia Elementary, Halls Cross Roads Elementary and Deerfield Elementary are working with families on obtaining childcare.

FY24 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA):

- Rob and Anne Marie Poretti left the meeting for the FY24 NOFA discussion.
- Laurie provided an overview of the proposed administrative budget and the proposed program budgets.
- Board members discussed current spending trends and additional proposed uses for the funding. An electronic vote will be occurring at a future date once Laurie discusses programming options and budgets with Arrow Child and Family Services.
- During the Summer 2023, the LMB will participate in a ½ day RBA session to look at new priorities and programs for FY25.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50am.

Next Meeting: March 23, 2023, 8:15 am