



CARROLL COUNTY LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD (CCLMB)

for Children, Youth, and Families

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MINUTES - DRAFT

January 30, 2024 at 9:00 am – In Person (Virtual Option)

1. Welcome & Introductions

<p>Quorum? Yes (13/15) Sue Doyle, CCHD – Present Brian Gass, DJS – Present Kathi Green, CCPS – Present Carrie Vincent, DSS – (Alternate for Vicky Kretzer) Marie Liddick, LBHA – Excused Celene Steckel, CCG – Present Maria Buckley, DORS – Present Ashley Stahl, SCS – (Alternate for Nicole Jackman) Amy Jagoda, CCPS – Present (Virtual) Christina Ogle, CCPL & CCLMB Chair – Excused Heather Powell, CCWD – Present Tiffany Masimore, CCYSB – (Alternate for Mallory Sutphin) Javier Toro, CCG – Present Scott Yard, HSP – Present Sean Davis, BGCCC - Virtual</p>	<p>Staff & Guests (8) Tammy Black, Access Carroll Corey Hardinger, CCG - Grants Emma Sparks, CCG - Housing Maria Lowry, LCT Coordinator Pat Webber, CCG – Housing Charlene Gomes, CCYSB Ed Singer, LMB Manager Diana Flores, ConectondUs Dr. Matt Ramsey, Target, Inc. and McDaniel College</p>
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2. Welcome and Introductions (Ed Singer)

- Ed Singer welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking people for accommodating the rescheduling due to weather. There were 3 alternates present in place of regular voting members.
- Scott Yard, Vice Chair was chairing the meeting in the absences of the Chair.

3. Approval of Minutes

- Kathi Green made a motion to approve the November 28, 2023, CCLMB Minutes, seconded by Brian Gass. The motion was unanimously adopted.

4. Update on Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports Partnerships - Grants to Hub Pilots

- Celene Steckel had virtually attended the meeting of the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (MCHRC) Meeting where Hub Pilot Grants were discussed. Only 4 LMBs had applied to be Hub pilots, and 15 local behavioral health authorities had applied. There was conversation about potentially funding all the applications because there was adequate funding to support all the proposals, but MCHRC staff pointed out that then this would no longer be a pilot.
- Ed Singer shared that many of the LMBs were hesitant to apply because they did not feel that they had the capacity. Ed also mentioned that although this would be a heavy lift for the CCLMB, being selected as a Pilot HUB would greatly benefit coordination within the community.

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- Celene shared that the spoke providers had not yet been identified, but the CCLMB is well positioned to become a HUB because of our prior coordination surrounding the original spoke RFP that had been developed. She also discussed that Carroll County had fewer spoke provider applications than other similar-sized jurisdictions.
- Corey Hardinger discussed that there is a meeting of the MCHRC in early February to discuss formally awarding the spoke provider grants.
- Ed mentioned that the Consortium would also be meeting to recommend Hub Pilot grant awards in early March.

5. Overview of the GOCPYVS “Turn the Curve” Planning Process

- Ed Singer presented an overview of what he learned in the RBA 101 training. He discussed the importance of the CCLMB members understanding how this process should guide the decision-making process of the CCLMB.
- RBA training is available at no cost to all CCLMB members and staff through GOCPYVS’s contract with Clear Impact. While the training is a substantial time commitment, it is helpful in understanding the decision making and program monitoring process.
- A few Board Members and some CCYSB staff have taken the training. The training is useful to our subgrantees because it helps them understand how the performance metrics for programming are developed and monitored.
- Ed discussed a process where a full community assessment is done triennially, and programs are evaluated and tweaked annually. He suggested that the CCLMB should be looking at data earlier in the fiscal year to allow for timely decision making related to the NOFA which is normally due in March.
- The CCLMB’s process will be discussed and further developed in the Strategic Planning Retreat that is scheduled in March.

6. Enough Act

- Ed briefly discussed the proposed “Enough Act” with the Board.
- The Act focuses on place-based interventions in communities with disproportionately high numbers of children living in poverty. It is proposed to provide \$5 million in funding to schools, government, and nonprofit organizations.
- There may be limited availability in Carroll County because we may not meet the income/poverty requirements to qualify.

7. Data Review

- Prior to the meeting a link to the website with the 8 categories for child well-being was provided to the group.
- Discussion centered on things that stood out:
 - i. African American population is steady/declining.

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- ii. Hispanic population is increasing and public school enrolment among Hispanics is near double African American population. [Reference can be found here.](#)
- iii. Surprised at the % of low birth weight.
- iv. Concern for the decline in vaccination rates – discussion about this item – COVID-19 is not a required vaccine, but there is a lot more distrust of vaccines in the community post-COVID. We were at 63% in 2019 now 44% in 2022. Sue Doyle shared that parents want more proof of what vaccinations really need to be done and are effective. Kathi Green anticipates rates may be even lower this year. There were no preschool clinics this year because of the new platform the state is using. Sue Doyle mentioned that they had to offer COVID vaccination to school-aged children because of the contract even though the vaccine was not mandatory, and this created confusion. The CCLMB has awareness of this issue, but it is primarily an issue for the CCHD and CCPS to address.
- Ed gave kudos to Workforce Development- data seems to indicate we are doing well in Carroll County.
- We know there are still issues with disconnected youth. The CCLMB continues to focus on working to connect these kids while in school. It is difficult to locate and engage this population once they leave school.
- Youth reporting depressive episodes. This survey is only done every 2 years or so but wasn't done during COVID. Has risen from 28.6% in 2018 to 42.8% in 2021. In grades 6-8, Hispanic population is reporting higher depressive episodes than the general population. About 1/3 of the population in middle school is reporting depressive episodes amongst the Hispanic population.
 - i. Self-injury was highest in 2014 and consistent through 2018.
 - ii. Have we done a really good job of destigmatizing or is it or is it because of COVID and kids are really depressed?
 - iii. SIPS program to be open to youth with suicidal ideation.
 - iv. Meeting scheduled with CCYSB, CCPS and the hospital to discuss how to support parents when their child does not meet the criteria for admission following a suicide threat/attempt.
 - v. Kathi Green discussed that it is difficult to isolate the cause for the change in the data. During COVID there was social isolation and increased use of social media but were noticing these behaviors even before COVID.
 - vi. Social media has a significant impact on how youth feel about their themselves.
 - vii. Many parents struggling to parent kids.
 - viii. Kathi reported that the CCPS is seeing behavior issues with younger students.
 - ix. CCPS has larger enrollment in Hispanic population but the supports for this population have not increased.
 - x. Ed talked about even Hispanics who have come from Puerto Rico or arrived legally from other countries are often stigmatized and often assumed to be here illegally.
 - xi. Diana Flores mentioned that she heard from CCPS that there is a gap in the availability of qualified interpreters for students with limited English proficiency.

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- xii. Javier Toro talked about a need to increase resources to support the increasing Hispanic population. He is hearing from Hispanics that there are barriers for housing, immigration, language, and mental health.
- xiii. Parents need to be stable before they can help their children become stable. Parents are often working 50+ hours to make enough money support their families often leaving the children unsupervised.
- xiv. The CCLMB believes the Hispanic population is likely undercounted and underreported.
- xv. Sean Davis reflected that BGC is seeing that mental health struggles trickle down from adults. BGC hired a Social/Emotional Director to work with staff and students which helps to handle this aspect in house, but the population/need is growing. BGC is looking to hire an additional Social/Emotional staff member.
- xvi. Sue Doyle asked with the influx of Hispanic population, are we recruiting staff that speak the language?
- xvii. We may want to look to expand the Teen Mental Health First Aid.
- Looking at data related to children being successful in school, Test Scores is not a data point the LMB can significantly impact but chronic absenteeism may be an area that we should discuss further and support.
 - i. Absent 18 school days or longer (excused and unexcused) are defined as chronic.
 - ii. Current chronic rates are 16.4% for the General Population vs. Hispanic population 34.5%.
 - iii. These rates have almost doubled over recent years.
 - iv. Kathi Green reported that 2 spoke providers submitted proposals for new absenteeism programs focused on mental health. These would include developing a transition plan to work through the barriers and help the youth return to school.
 - v. Kathi said that the top absent code is illness and parents do not necessarily disclose reason.
 - vi. Kathi reported that COVID impacted some youth who found it hard to return to school. The school system presently has online resources, but students are marked absent if working from home.
 - vii. Kathi Reported that many international students leave Carroll County for long periods of time to visit family out of the country.
- Obesity continues to be a problem for youth in Carroll County, but the Health Department, Hospital, and Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County are the lead on this issue.

8. Status of FY25 Community Partnership Agreement

- Received NOFA.
- Funding is flat.
- Application is due March 22.

9. Priorities and Programs for FY25

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- Ed Singer discussed wanting to evaluate programs on a 3-year cycle. Further details will be developed during the CCLMB Strategic Retreat in March. Discussion will center on:

How do we review/evaluate existing programming and need.

If we receive a Hub Pilot Grant, we will be required to conduct a new community assessment.

- Until we have completed our Strategic Planning Retreat and developed our review process, Ed recommended that we continue the current programming and priorities for the LMB until next fiscal year.
- Ed discussed that no longer having the lead agency who administratively supported the original development of the Youth Action Board (YAB) has required a reassessment of how to best support a YAB. We are looking to pull together all agencies that have youth clients who have experienced or were at risk of homelessness to reform a YAB.
- Scott Yard made a motion to continue priorities and funding levels for programs in FY 2025 that were funded in FY 2024. The motion was seconded by Kathi Green and carried unanimously.

10. March 19, LMB Strategic Planning Meeting

- Opportunity to go through Turn the Curve
- Work on our process/timeline
- Timeline to review data to make funding decisions
- Review mission/vision/values statements
- SWOT analysis
- Increase involvement from people receiving our services.
- Kathi Green Would like to look at data to identify gaps in services. Where do we have needs? Ed suggested that we may want to include doing a Gap Analysis in the fall.
- Scott Yard shared that developing a timeline is important so agencies can plan.
- Ed would like to include a discussion on how we evaluate programs and if they are meeting the needs of the community as they were intended and if the need continues to exist.
- Celene reminded the group that performance measures are specific, scripted and submitted to the state for approval.
- Matt Ramsey briefly discussed his role as a facilitator for the strategic planning retreat, operating from a blank slate. Role is to guide us through the process.

11. Multi-Agency Approach to Customer Service Feedback

- Amy Jagoda suggested that there is a need for feedback from people with lived experiences and it could include multi-agencies in Carroll County. This would allow people to provide feedback more openly on services available in Carroll County.

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- Celene Steckel shared that a subcommittee was recently established by the Circle of Caring and suggested that a member of the LMB might be able to participate on this committee. Celene suggested that the goals are very similar to what was presented by Amy.
- Amy agreed that this may be a better option since it is already established.

12. Organizations News

- Kathi Green reported that CCPS is hiring a mentor for unaccompanied youth to assist with goal setting and future planning.
- Kathi reported that CCPS has the 1st school to qualify to become a Community School. This will provide wraparound support to the families and bring resources to them.
- Scott Yard reminded the group that HSP has tax assistance for those in need during tax season.
- Heather Powell reported that CCWFD is convening a meeting on February 21, at Carroll Community College to develop a 4-year plan of services.
- Brain Gass reported that DJS's Youth Engagement Activity took a group bowling and snow tubing.
- Ashley Stall reported that there is a Victim Services Group meeting February 28, to discuss issues and share resources.
- Diana Flores discussed Chrome Book Distribution and encouraged agencies and organizations to host distribution events.
- CCPS is hosting a resource fair for youth who will be transitioning from the school system to adulthood.
- Ed asked everyone to send their news to him and he would distribute.

The next CCLMB meeting will be a strategic planning retreat and will be held on March 19, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Carroll County Health Department, 290 South Center Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157

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