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THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Commission for Children, Youth and Families (Local Management Board)

Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2021

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Courtney Wimbush, Chair of the Local Management Board, via Microsoft Teams at 4:35 p.m. on April 20, 2021.

II. Introductions

Jonathan Baiden conducted a roll call. The following individuals were in attendance: Walter Jackson, Department of Social Services; Sheila Jackson, Prince George's County Public Schools; Celestin-Antonin, Lynn, Office of the State's Attorney; Orethea Mattison, Commission for Children, Youth and Families; Courtney Wimbush, Chair; Michelle Jackson, Office of the Sheriff; Delmonica Hawkins, Department of Juvenile Services; Mr. Anthony Walker, Department of Family Services; Braveboy Aisha, Office of the State's Attorney; Carla Plaza, Health, Human Services & Education; Hardy Tiffany, Citizen Member

Guests: Jonathan Baiden and Lyrica Welch

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

The minutes were reviewed and approved at 4:46pm.

- IV. LMB Director's Report** – Dr Orethea Mattison, the Director of the LMB, reported on the status of the FY2022 NOFA proposal, which submitted on 4/9/2021. In the proposal, out of the nine programs from the previous year, eight of the program submitted a proposal. Bright Beginning decided not to submit a proposal for FY2022 because "it is not feasible for their agency to provide the services at this time." Two new agency submitted a proposal, Time for Change and Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). Only CASA met the criteria for the submission, as Time for Change scores were low.

Dr. Mattison reported that the Governor's Office Reduction of Budget from the previous year was restored to the LMBs. On Monday, 4/19/2021, the Governor added \$1 Million across the state and \$95,343 will be allocated to Prince George's County LMB. The additional funding will support an increase to Board support and programming.

V. LMB Chair's Report – Courtney Wimbush

Committees Reporting:

- a. **Infrastructure Committee:** Walter Jackson reported that the committee met and reviewed the trends of participant consistency and attendance. There would also be a comparison of agencies that are compliant in their attendance and agencies that are not. To ensure continuity, one designated attendee was recommended by this committee. This committee would devise a reporting system that will be used to monitor agencies appointees/designee attendance within the guidelines of the By-laws.
- b. **Program Committee:** No report at the current moment
- c. **Communication Committee:** Dr. Sheila Jackson updated the Board on the committee's activities and assignments. The Communication Committee last met in December, according to Dr. Jackson, and will meet again in May 2021. This committee will look at the LMB's strategic plan and ways to raise awareness of the organization's overall mission. The committee will conduct a study identify the current form of communication mechanisms and the best mechanism for communication.

VI. Announcements and Program Updates:

- a. Dr. Sheila Jackson spoke about how children were welcomed back to school and loved by their teachers in the county school system.
- b. Plaza, Carla: Spoke about working on a summer newsletter that will summarize all that is going on in all of the programs.
- c. Celestin-Antonin, Lynn: Spoke about the rise of carjacking in the county and how it affects residents.
- d. Jackson, Walter: re-iterated to the board that April is National Abuse Awareness Month.

VII. Meeting Closure – Madame Chair Wimbush thanked all who attended. The next meeting will be June 22, 2021

VIII. Adjournment

Madame Chair Wimbush motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Walter Jackson second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.