

CARROLL COUNTY LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD

September 15, 2020 – 8:30 am (virtual meeting)

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Carroll County Local Management Board for Children, Youth and Families was held on September 15, 2020 at 8:30 am via virtual meeting using the GoToMeeting platform.

In Attendance

Corey Hardinger-Wilt (CCLMB Manager), Christina Kuntz (Westminster Public Library), Celene Steckel (Department of Citizen Services), Gabby Kahney (CCLMB), Vicky Keller (Department of Social Services), Liza Frye (Catholic Charities), Heather Powell (Business/Employment Resource Center), Kathi Green (Carroll County Public Schools), Bonnae Meshulam (Boys and Girls Club), Jennifer Mettrick (Penn-Mar Human Services), Stacey Watts (Department of Rehabilitation Services), Brian Gass (Department of Juvenile Services), Amy Jagoda (CCPS), Tammy Black (Access Carroll), Ned Coyne (State's Attorney's Office), Marie Liddick (Carroll County Health Department/Local Behavioral Health Authority), Ed Singer (CCHD), Casey Staubs (Family Law Administration), Lynn Davis (Carroll County Youth Service Bureau)

Quorum: Yes

II. Welcome and Introductions: Christina Kuntz, Chair of the Local Management Board, welcomed the group and all participants introduced themselves.

III. Minutes – The June 16, 2020 meeting minutes were approved via email.

IV. FY 21 Budget

- a. Due to COVID, all 24 LMBs received a 10% reduction in their FY 21 budget. These cuts did not affect CCLMB's programs – instead, the CCLMB worked with the Department of Citizen Services and was able to restructure its personnel (Gabby and Corey) to absorb those cuts.
- b. It is unknown whether those budget cuts will remain in FY 22's budget.

V. Racial Equity Training Recap and Future Opportunities

- a. Day one covered Results Based Accountability. Days two and three focused on racial history, perspectives, and definitions around race and racism. Data was reviewed and attendees worked in groups to explore the data, and to identify which partners were engaged, which partners were missing, and what the next steps would be.
 - a. There is a need to have the right people at the table at the right time. Moving forward, the CCLMB aims to work with the county as a whole.
 - b. LMBs obtain local feedback to provide local control by examining their communities' own needs. Racial equity at the state level is different from racial equity at other counties' levels; guidance from the state should support local efforts to implement and maintain racial equity.
- b. Jennifer Mettrick asked if the LMB knew of any self-assessments she could use for her own organization
 - a. Corey is checking with Karen Finn and other Maryland LMBs for such tools.
- c. CCLMB members are encouraged to share with the group, or Corey and Gabby separately, any additional feedback, trainings or resources regarding racial equity.

VI. New NOFA – GOCCP COVID Response – Children and Youth

- a. In late August, the Governor’s Office for Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (formerly the GOCCP) released a \$10.5 million “[Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding \(CESF\)](#)” NOFA. The grant period runs from April 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021 and the submission deadline is September 23, 2020.
- b. The CCLMB will be the implementing (submitting) agency for this application and the three agencies below would be the subrecipients of the funding:
 - a. The Carroll County Youth Service Bureau has fully embraced telehealth and remote communication with clients. In order to better serve their clients in this way, they are seeking a part-time staff person to support this focus on technology-based services.
 - b. The Boys and Girls Club is currently serving 75 kids per day at their center to support virtual learning. They are seeking replacement computers to better serve their students at the center and are also requesting Chromebooks for their students with limited at-home internet access. Lastly, because McDaniel students are currently unable to work off-campus, the BGC is looking to hire additional staff people to assist with students’ learning at their center.
 - c. Together We Own It, in partnership with Rise Up Community Center, wants to provide a service and data platform for the county and all its youth- and family-serving agencies. This shared data platform (which is currently being researched) would allow agencies to look up a youth or family to determine what services would be best for all eligible family members. TWOI is also seeking funds for a Systems Navigator who would work with the youth and families to connect them to local services.

VII. Agency Updates

- a. Christina Kuntz, CCPL – all [Carroll County Public Library](#) branches will open on Monday, September 21 with limited hours and limited access: Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and closed Sunday.
 - a. Customers will be admitted by a check-in person who will ensure masks are worn and only so many individuals enter at a time. Unfortunately, at this time due to social distancing guidelines, the libraries will not be open for guests to “hang out” and relax as they used to.
- b. Celene Steckel, Department of Citizen Services – Eviction Prevention funds are available to our citizens.
 - a. [\\$500,000 Coronavirus Relief Funds](#) became available to the Department of Citizen Services on September 1, 2020 to assist individuals with up to 6 months of rental arrears; applications will be accepted through November 20, 2020. Interested individuals should contact Human Services Programs (410-857-2999) and must demonstrate that these rental arrears were caused by loss of income or job due to COVID (including loss of wages due to staying home for children’s virtual learning). Human Services Programs will vet potential candidates prior to assistance being provided.
 - b. The [CDC’s Eviction Moratorium](#) runs from September 4, 2020 to December 31, 2020; unlike the previous moratorium, the renter must take several actions to prevent their eviction:
 - i. Must provide a signed Declaration to the landlord stating they made their best effort to obtain all available and eligible assistance for rent and housing (see sample Declaration in the hyperlinked document);
 - ii. Must expect to earn no more than \$99,000 as a single individual, or \$198,000 jointly, overall in 2020;
 - iii. Must prove they are unable to pay rent due to loss of income, loss of job, or sudden, extreme medical expenses incurred due to COVID;
 - iv. Must make their best effort to make timely, partial payments as close to the monthly payment amount as possible;

- v. Must state they would likely become homeless or need shelter if they lost their housing;
and
- vi. Must understand they will continue to pay their rent after the moratorium ends.
- c. The Department of Citizen Services is hoping to access additional funding for eviction prevention; keep an eye out for future press releases/emails regarding this.
- c. Marie Liddick, CCHD – The [Carroll County Health Department](#) continues to be the frontline responders to COVID; many staff members are still helping in the response. The HD is open by appointment only for birth certificates and is currently starting to work on their reopening plan.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

**The next general meeting of the LMB will be held on November 17, 2020 at 8:30 am;
the location/method of meeting will be determined at a later date.**
