



**Program and Research Committee Meeting
February 23, 2021, 8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
Minutes**

Members Present: John Meyerhoff, M.D., Mary Jean Herron, Rick Barth Ph.D., Howard Dubowitz M.D., Maureen van Stone Esq., Scott Krugman, M.D., Sally Bauer

Members Excused:

Staff Present: Pat Cronin, Mary Francioli, Stacey Brown, Jennifer Wolff, Nancy Pelton, Matila Jones, Raymond Greene-Joyner, Natasha Peterson, Michelle Ogunwole, M.D.

Presenter: Lisa Berlin, PhD, Director of Baltimore Babies Project & Alyssa Goodman, MSW

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions John Meyerhoff
2. Approval of December 1st Minutes John Meyerhoff
3. Mission Moment Stacey Brown
4. UMSSW Research Update Lisa Berlin, PhD
Baltimore Babies Project
5. Program Updates Stacey Brown/Staff
 - Program Dashboard
 - Parent Education Services
 - Baltimore City Child Care Resource Center
 - Intensive Family Services
 - Community Engagement Services
 - 2021 Advocacy Update Pat Cronin
 - HB548/SB0299: Trauma Informed Commission & Training
 - HB0263/SB134: Hidden Predator Act
 - HB0771/SB0548: Public Schools CDC -Youth Risk Behavioral Survey
 - HB 1210: Corp Diversity, Executive, Mission
6. Strategic Plan Update – FY22 Proposed Pat & Stacey
7. Announcements
 - Update on Executive Director Search Sally Bauer
 - 'New' Fall Event: Mary Francioli
 - Meetings conducted in Zoom:
 - Tuesday, April 13, 2021 – **GENERAL BOARD MEETING 5:30 pm**
 - Tuesday, May 11, 2021 – **Program and Research Committee 8:00 am**
 - June 2021 -**Prevent Child Abuse America Re-Accreditation TBD**
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Recorder: Jennifer Wolff

1. Welcome – John Meyerhoff

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: John Meyerhoff welcomed the group to our virtual meeting. December 1st meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Pat introduced our new Medical Director, Dr. Michelle Ogunwole.

2. Mission Moment

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: Stacey Brown told a story about a mom who was the first to bring her 3 kids to the Kids Care Plus program after the center had been closed due to the pandemic. Since coming to the Center, she has developed a great relationship with the staff and has also gotten assistance through resources we were able to provide for her such as BGE Assistance.

3. Update Presentation by Professor Lisa Berlin, PhD, University of MD SSW

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: All data can be found in Power Point sent on 2/23/21 and filed with minutes. Lisa announced that Alyssa Goodman would be joining us this meeting and has worked closely on the Baltimore Babies Project (BBP). In summary, Family Connects Maryland was offered to moms who gave birth on odd days only. Baltimore Babies Project recruited moms from both the even/odd days to ascertain any post birth 6- month differences between the groups. Since mid-March recruitment/interviews/home visits were conducted via phone/video. Recruitment/enrollment rates were similar between the two groups. Of the 238 odd births (FCM), 63% enrolled and 49% of those completed the home visit. This compared to BBP's 61 % enrollment and 55% of the interviews (n=152). Between the 2 groups there were no significant differences between participant characteristics. Lisa shared a preliminary review of group differences in FCM outcomes. One outcome, *Pediatric/Clinic visit for infant illness, or emergency* showed a favorable finding between group differences. The Committee noted that this favorable outcome was consistent with Duke's findings. However, questions emerged as to whether any of babies were in NICU, multiple births; and notably, was it a positive finding if parents did not seek baby care, in light of the pandemic.

FOLLOW UP: Pat will follow up with the Committee regarding any additional questions regarding the data and share with Lisa for her consideration.

4. Program Updates

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

- a) **Program Dashboard** – Stacey shared the second quarter program utilization: currently 85% of our overall goal of 25,000 people has been achieved. During this period ACE training in Prince George's County educational staff accounted for 13,000 people—a one off event.
- b) **Parent Education** – Raymond Greene-Joyner, Asst Director, reported that we are expanding more of our services virtually. We have added a 10 -session class at the Baltimore Montessori School. We are also working in Balt and Prince Counties with a grant from United Health Care.
- c) **Baltimore City Child Care Resource Center** – Nancy reported the program is doing a lot of

training currently with Head Start and Judy Centers. They have started a support group for childcare givers. The program is also participating in a new pilot program with Opportunity Exchange called the Maryland Family Child Care Boost. The goal is to assist 25 providers to recover from the negative impacts of the pandemic. Montgomery and Prince George's Counties are also part of this state pilot sponsored by MD Family Network.

- a. **Intensive Family Services** – Natasha reported we have started an Empower Moms program at UMD, Healthy Families. FCM is enrolling select Baltimore County zip codes in addition to the City. During this period there were 403 eligible births, 222 enrolled and 127 completed home visits, 78 Post visit calls and at least 37 were given at least 1 new resource.
- b. **Community Engagement Services** – Matila Sackor-Jones, Asst Director, asked Volunteer Coordinator Lindsay Jacks to report on the Holiday Shop where we serviced 269 children and 103 parents. The staff continue to provide online professional trainings; joined initiatives such as the ACE's Steering Committee and Project Aware. We have also been accredited to provide CEU's nationally so we can now generate income from those.
- c. **Advocacy**- Pat highlighted several bills that TFT is promoting: 1) HB548/SB0299: Trauma Informed Commission & Training; 2) HB0263/SB134: Hidden Predator Act; 3) HB0771/SB0548: Public Schools CDC -Youth Risk Behavioral Survey and 4) HB 1210: Corp Diversity, Executive, Mission.

5. **Strategic Update**

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

- a) Pat, Nancy and Stacey provided a general overview of the 22 plan, keeping in mind that the Board requested a one- year plan; allowing for Pat's successor to develop a multi-year strategic plan. Highlights include:
 - Family Education will look to adopt evidence- based components into the 4- week parenting ed training. This includes 1) adopting SEEK (Safe Environment for Every Kid) in the participant assessment phase; 2) assigning a 'family navigator' to each participant who will provide limited family assistance and linkages to needed resources; and 3) a post 30 day follow up.
 - Heathy Families- will continue to support families by offering housing support funds;
 - FCM- will offer home visits to all Ba County families.
 - Support Groups- we anticipate moving away from PA and adopting another national model more aligned with our program needs.
 - ACE Interface- is required to host a second train the trainer for 25 state leaders. This will be in conjunction with the Essentials For Childhood partner.
 - Parenting Call Line will seek to have coordinator certified in mental health.
 - BCCCRC will continue with the Child Care Boost program recently launched and continue throughout the year.
 - Mary is finalizing the community strategy which will continue its focus on reaching families through technology.
 - Staff continue to identify public policy goals for next year, largely limited because of our resources.

6. Announcements

- **Development** – Mary reported that we will not be holding the 30th Great Chefs' Dinner. We will instead do an in-person event in the Fall at Sagamore Farms; and host the 30th Dinner, Spring 22. More details to come.
- **Update on Executive Search:** Dr. Meyerhoff reported that the Search Committee is meeting regularly with the Search Firm to identify candidates for Pat's successor. The Committee expects to interview candidates later in the Spring. Committee is pleased with the process and moving as expected.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20am.