

## **MINUTES**

### **Kent County Local Management Board Meeting**

June 20, 2024, 9:30am – 11:00am, Hybrid; Centers for Environment and Society

#### **Attendance**

Board Members: Van Hamlin, Sue Berman, Julie Gill, Claudia Wayne, Wanda Boyer, Sandy Adams, Samantha Rivera, Lauren Scearce, Ashley Boyles, Nikki Strong, and Lisa Short

Staff and Guests: Rosemary Ramsey Granillo, Niara Wilson, Doncella Wilson

Absent: Rachael Carmody, Terrence Moody, Jamie Barrett

#### **Agenda and Minutes**

Reviewed agenda, Motion to approve the minutes: Claudia Wayne, Second: Lauren Scearce

#### **FY25 Officer Nominations**

Van Hamlin will continue as Board Chair, with Shelly Neal-Edwards remaining as Board Vice Chair. Motion to approve the FY25 Officers Shelley Heller, Second: Sue Berman

#### **ENOUGH Act and KNOCK!**

The ENOUGH Act initiative represents a pioneering state-led investment strategy aimed at fostering poverty-alleviating opportunities that are community-driven rather than merely for communities. ENOUGH will channel resources into neighborhoods disproportionately affected by systemic barriers, aiming to enhance wealth creation and economic mobility. It includes funding for LMBs to strengthen local community organizations, foster cross-sector partnerships, and advance place-based strategies. LMBs are directed to prioritize communities with the highest poverty rates and community schools. KCLMB, in collaboration with Everyday Canvassing, has launched KNOCK! Which stands for Kids and Neighbors Organizing Change. This initiative involves door-to-door canvassing from late August to October, aiming to gather insights from households regarding their experiences, concerns, and priorities. The data collected will form the basis of the Chestertown Children's Agenda and serve as a pilot for comparable plans in other Kent County communities. Everyday Canvassing is offering both paid and volunteer opportunities as part of this effort.

#### **Program Updates**

KCLMB: The Connected Devices Free Laptop Program has been extended-only 12 laptops available; 788 laptops have been distributed. FY25 RFP for the "Youth-Led Peer Mentoring Program" will be released on June 10<sup>th</sup>, followed by a question-and-answer session scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup>. All applications must be submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Undoing Racism Workshop will be held June 27-June 29<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Social Action for Racial Justice Committee and facilitated by the Peoples Institute for Survival and Beyond, meals are included, and stipends are available per request.

KCHD: Vaccinations for the FY25 school year are forthcoming; stay tuned to our social media channels for updates. Join us on 6/22/24 for Recovery in Motion's 10th annual Back Yard Bash—a free event open to all.

MDA: "Pop Up" resource events will soon be available county-wide; stay tuned for more details. MDA has partnered with Shore Legal Access and ACE to provide counsel for consumers dealing with rental issues and evictions, ensuring tenants can speak with an attorney as needed. Earlier this

June, MDA and the LMB attended the Southern Black Girl Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, with a documentary on the experience coming soon.

League of Women Voters: The League of Women Voters is actively engaged in county-wide outreach and education, inviting the public to attend informative sessions about the league's initiatives. Recently, they have collaborated with interns from Washington College to update their social media pages, create flyers, and redesign their website, enhancing their digital presence.

MSB: "Going Purple Together" is scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> in Caroline County. The RFP for Telepsychiatry Services and Consultation for Crisis Stabilization Centers, Mobile Crisis, and Statewide Training for Mobile Crisis Teams and Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Centers closed on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, this RFP focused on services for the adult population.

KCPR: Summer camp is underway with approximately 90 campers enrolled, and all pool and beach locations throughout the county are now open. KCPR is actively pursuing grant funding for swimming lessons; any leads or opportunities are greatly appreciated.

KCPS: Appointed Dr. McComas as the new Superintendent, and the FY25 budget has been approved. In July, KCPS will offer free hybrid CDL training classes. Summer meals, including breakfast and lunch, will be available for all children aged 18 and under, regardless of school enrollment, ensuring access to nutritious food throughout the summer. On June 22-23, 2024, the Kent Amateur Radio Society will host its American Radio Relay League field day.

Kent County Government: Actively implementing security measures for its buildings. The \$4 million grant allocated to the Upper Shore Center (AF Whitsitt) is progressing as planned, with no indication of withdrawal.

KCDJS: DJS faces challenges with low attendance, exacerbated by transportation barriers for families. To address this, DJS staff are encouraged to engage their families actively, emphasizing community support as a vital strategy.

KCDSS has been approved for building expansion. They recently hired a new Foster Care Unit Social Worker and another Caseworker. The "Sun Bucks" program provides financial support for eligible Kent County Public School students, excluding those in high school, offering about \$40 per month per child, totaling \$120 for the entire summer.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Julie Gill; Second; Shelley Heller