

## **Meeting Minutes**

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

**October 17, 2024, 9:30am – 10:30am, Hybrid**

#### **Attendance**

Board Members: Shelley Neal Edwards, Van Hamlin, Claudia Wayne, Jill Coleman, Tracey Watters, Margaret Dowling, Wanda Boyer, and Zita Seals

Staff and Guests: Rachael Carmody, Rosemary Ramsey Granillo, Tino Fragale

Absent: Niara Wilson, Terrence Moody, Kathryn Dilley, Samantha Rivera

#### **Agenda and Minutes**

Reviewed agenda, Motion carried to approve the minutes from August 15, 2024; Shelley Heller, Second: Jill Coleman.

#### **Program Updates**

Healthy Families currently has 26 families enrolled and they have completed 143 home visits in the first quarter. The program has undergone changes, as the Talbot County Health Department is now running its own independent version of the program.

Ministry's Dream Alliance after-school program will operate three days a week alongside the middle school's tutoring program. Transportation continues to be a challenge, as the middle school only provides bus service on Wednesdays, requiring alternative arrangements for students on the other days. To foster connections, MDA staff conducted "lunch buddies" visits prior to regular sessions. The MDA after-school program has welcomed a Service and Civic Innovation Intern, six students from Washington College, and two interns from Salisbury University.

Beyond Your Mental has been awarded to Findlay House Global in partnership with Kent County Public Schools. The principals from both the High School and Middle School have been meeting regularly to coordinate efforts. KCHS has identified a coordinator, who is expected to be approved on October 16th. FHG staff will be in town from October 21 to October 25 for recruitment at both the middle and high schools, as well as finalizing details regarding school participation requirements, given that the program will involve time away from classes. Transportation between schools is scheduled from November 13<sup>th</sup> to December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and there will be one pilot after-school session this semester.

#### **Everyday Canvassing**

Everyday Canvassing has successfully conducted 272 interviews, exceeding their goal of 200. Although they fell short of their door-knocking target due to extended conversations, their team of eight paid employees has managed to canvass 14 communities and knock on 1,000 doors, with plans to reach a total of 2,000 doors by the end of the initiative. Some canvassers are also making follow-up calls to 70 individuals who need additional information. The follow-up strategy involves using door hangers with a QR code for the survey, as well as making calls, sending texts, and connecting individuals to the Local Management Board for those requiring access to resources. Tino thoroughly reviewed the final budget of \$27,604.00 for Everyday Canvassing. Their plan includes ongoing community meetings to build consensus based on data analysis. The collected data will be used in collaboration with Washington College for a spring course taught by Michelle Johnson, a QAC LMB Board Member, and WAC Educator, along with Rosie. The purpose of the course is to analyze the canvassing data and explore models similar to those used by the Innovation Coalition.

## Partner Updates

- KCLMB in collaboration with Kent Cultural Alliance held three events for Hispanic Heritage Month which included an art show at KCA, Karaoke Night at La Cascada Restaurant in Millington, and a Block Party with salsa lessons on Park Row. All of the events were well attended. We would like to continue having more activities throughout the year for Hispanics not just that month.
- The Kent County Local Care Team has experienced an increase in referrals involving challenging cases. We are planning additional outreach and are currently working on activities for Autism Awareness Month- this event will be for the entire eastern shore. If you're interested in partnering for this event, please reach out to us. We also received a \$4,500 Health Disparities Grant from the Kent County Health Department. We received a grant from Emmanuel Episcopal Church for the Christmas Bazaar. The exact amount from the Christmas Bazaar grant will be confirmed after the event concludes. The grant funds will be used for the Brighter Day Fund.
- KCPR is currently constructing four new multi-purpose sand courts at Worton Park, funded by a generous donation. These courts will feature adjustable nets, making them suitable for both the youth volleyball program and beach tennis. 51 freshman students signed up in September for their free facility access card. KCPR offers a Family Fit program; if you have a facility access card, you can take advantage of free childcare on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-7pm while using the gym or workout room. Winter program guide forthcoming.
- Kent County Department of Juvenile Services has new legislation coming out on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Changes are going to be significant but unsure of what they are at this time.
- The Millington Town Council will be located inside the old Millington Elementary School, with a groundbreaking ceremony in December. Additional information coming.
- Kent County Health Department will host a flu clinic at Rock Hall Fire Hall from 12-3:30pm today. KCHD will have multiple booths at the Home Ports Expo fair from 3-7pm tonight. On Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup>, KCHD will host another flu clinic at the Galena Fire Hall from 12-3:30pm. The health department has a new logo and a new website that will roll out soon. Andrea Edwards has retired after 37 years with the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. Katie Taylor is the new program Director for the BCC program.
- Kent County Public Schools invites the community to join Superintendent Dr. McComas for a conversation session at Garnet Elementary on October 24th from 6:00-7:30pm. This session is part of her strategic planning process and aims to foster connections with the community. Parent Teacher conferences are in full effect today for elementary and middle school students. HHGES will host its annual Trunk or Treat event on October 25th from 5:30-6:30pm in the back of the school parking lot.
- The Kent County Department of Social Services reports that nearly 1,600 children in Kent County received \$120 in food benefits each through the Sunbucks program this summer. The program has been automatically renewed for next summer. In 2023, only 200 children participated, making a significant increase in access this year. On October 31<sup>st</sup>, DSS will host its annual trunk or treat event from 4-5pm. Marty Lively has retired, Tracye Landon, and Curtis Olson, will be retiring.

**Next board meeting will be held Thursday December 19, 2024**