



HEALTHY FRANKLIN COUNTY

Hope From the Start for Franklin County Task Force

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Friday, November 2, 2018, 9am-10:30am

Chambersburg Area School District Administration Building

In attendance: Annette Searfoss, Staci Horvath, Tod Kline, Ann Spotswood, Jodi Nace, Cathy Dusman, Brandi Glenn-Myers, Bob Thomas, Brian Weir, Joanne Cochran, Jen Hawbecker, Sara Myers, Jen Gossert, Terri Siverling, Mike Ross, Steve Nevada, Bernice Crouse, Noel Purdy

Welcome and Introductions: Stacie Horvath welcomed everyone and the members present introduced themselves.

Healthy Franklin County Action Plan: Ann Spotswood reviewed the draft action plan again, which was reviewed at the last task force meeting. The current plan is a one-year plan which with manageable performance measures. The next plan will be updated next spring as the CHNA process wraps up and will be aligned with the CHNA/CHIP for the next three years (though each year it will be reviewed, evaluated and updated). Commissioner Thomas stressed the importance of creating a business plan which identifies funding options for start – up and sustainability. The group agreed that the business plan can be created concurrently with emerging plans from the work groups and will reflect local, state and federal funds that will pay for the “true cost” of high quality programs/education. Brian Weir suggested that the group be mindful of not only upcoming grant opportunities, but also existing program budgets of the partners who may be in a position to realign existing programming and/or funds to support Hope From the Start initiatives. Bernice agreed with the action plan set forth and the strategies discussed regarding business planning but wanted to make sure that the work of the task force includes mapping programs and services that link parents and children with more programs and services so they stay engaged and connected as they progress within the system. Ann suggested that asset-mapping be a part of the committee work. It was also suggested that outreach to employers be included in a communications plan. Annette said that the United Way of Franklin County could assist with the development of a high level communications plan. The communications and parents work groups need to form; the family center work group is formed. Tod Kline moved to approve the action plan. Commissioner Bob Thomas seconded the motion. The action plan was approved with all thumbs up.

Ready to Start Task Force

Commissioner Bob Thomas and Annette Searfoss attended as task force convened by Governor Wolf's office that focuses on early childhood (infants and toddlers) education across all systems.



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The task force is working to develop a four-year plan that addresses policy recommendation and implementation strategies. The Ready to Start Task Force is essentially doing what Hope from The Start is doing.

Family Center Update

Annette gave a presentation about the trip made to the [Family Center](#) in Washington County. The Executive Director of that facility is from Mercersburg, PA and she has been in the role for 20 years. She shared their programming and funding model, which was very informative. The family center work group will continue work on developing their proposed model.

Early Learning Resource Center

Terri Siverling, Implementation and Operations Coordinator of ELRC Region 6 gave a presentation about the resources they offer to the community. ELRC is operated by the Center for Community Action in partnership with the Office of Child Development and Early Learning and regional partner—South Central Community Partnership. They ELRC offers supports for early learning programs and helps families access quality early learning programs with funding assistance and other supports. ELRC's can also support providers with Quality Coaches to help them achieve Keystone STAR 3 and 4 status. More information is at www.raiseyourstar.org.

Next Meeting: Friday, December 7, 2018 at 9am