



Hope From the Start for Franklin County Task Force  
**MINUTES**  
Friday, September 7, 2018, 9am-10:30am  
Chambersburg Area School District Administration Building

**In attendance:** Annette Searfoss, Paul Sick, Jen Gossert, Stephanie Shoemaker, Brandi Glenn-Myers, Bob Thomas, Tim Henry, Brian Weir, Alice Elia, Joanne Cochran, Stacie Horvath, Doug Reasner, Jen Hawbecker, Sara Myers, Tom VanArsdale, Terri Siverling, Janine Pigano, Ashley Yinger, Noel Purdy

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

**Healthy Franklin County:** Annette Searfoss briefed the group that at the last task force meeting which was held on August 3, 2018, the decision was made for Hope From the Start to come under the umbrella of Healthy Franklin County, a data-driven, health improvement coalition which has identified early childhood education as a priority through its Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and in its Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Healthy Franklin County's goal for 2020 is to increase the proportion of children who are ready for school in all five domains of development. Annette explained that now is a good time to come in under Healthy Franklin County because the group is getting ready to start the next CHNA process. Annette introduced Noel Purdy, Project Manager for Healthy Franklin County, who gave an orientation/presentation to the group about Healthy Franklin County. A copy of the powerpoint that Noel presented is attached to the minutes.

Annette shared a draft action plan that Ann Spotswood put together for the task force. Annette asked that the group review it. A proposed committee structure is included in the draft plan which includes a family center committee, communication committee and parenting committee, which would address the proposed activities. The group did not take any action related to the draft plan as it's a work in progress.

**Data Collection Discussion:** In light of the impending CHNA process, Annette facilitated a discussion about what data needs to be collected in order to address questions that the group has related to its goals and objectives. A discussion about the proposed FCHS and Keystone Health program to assist new mothers with supportive interventions addressed potential barriers of the proposed warm hand off process that may need to be addressed further programmatically; building trust with the new mothers is crucial to the success of the program. The current model includes home visits (after a mother is agreeable to receiving services) but not all families will allow social workers into their homes. Understanding the socio-economic (social determinants of health) of each family is essential; Joanne said that Keystone and Summit Health collect this data. Other barriers identified were related to



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poverty and a lack of parent resources and lack of parental engagement. Tim Henry suggested that F&M Trust could offer some type of financial incentive to engage parents. Annette kept a detailed list of questions to be addressed/data to be collected.

**Updates:** Franklin County Housing Authority has received 11 new housing choice vouchers for disabled families. The state will be issuing an RFP for family -centers funding soon. A train-the-trainer session for the parent-café model will be held in January; anyone who works with children is welcome to attend. The United Way and FCADC are researching an initiative to engage the business community with “The Week of the Child” in April.

**Next Steps:** The group will continue to refine the action plan and identify data that needs to be collected in order to advance the goals of the task force.

**Next Meeting:** Franklin County's Hope from the Start collaborative will host a special presentation, The Kindergarten Entry Inventory (KEI) on October 5, 2018 from 9 - 10:30 am at Chambersburg Area School District's Administrative Building (435 Stanley Avenue, Chambersburg). Deb Wise and Mary Ann Olney will join us from PA's Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL), Division of Standards and Professional Development for this special presentation.