



Kent County Local Management Board & Guiding Coalition

MINUTES + Discussion Guide

11-18-21

Logistics

Virtual Meeting on November 18, 2021 from 9:30 - 10:30 am

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[Summary of feedback](#) from our last meeting on October 27.

Board Members Present (not a quorum): Sherone Lewis, Annie Woodall, Margaret Dowling (DJS proxy), Shelly Neal-Edwards, Vandrick Hamlin

Meeting Overview

Prepare for a virtual Community Action Planning Session in December to support the refresh of our Community Plan in 2022.

Agenda

- Plan for our Community Action Planning Session by refining the [agenda](#) and our refreshed priorities, and determining who to invite and how best to engage them
- Plan for the homelessness resource January 28 and point in time count day on January 26
- Discuss community engagement and planning timeline for a refreshed FY23-FY25 Community Plan
- Introduce *Unite Us*

Who's here and connections exercise

Please include your name and share one thing that has happened in your work in the last week that makes you feel hopeful.

- **Synchronous Meeting**
 - Annie Woodall, KCPL - positive response from the public to KCPL's Homelessness & Hunger Awareness initiative
 - Margaret Dowling, Kent & QA Co. DJS, learning about new resources to help the clients and advocate for their services



- Genevieve Croker, Rebuilding Together Kent County, meeting with more folks that are interested in helping our neighbors
- Keda Dorisca, Unite Us Community Engagement Manager, The invitation to attend this meeting today and connect with you all and serve the community
- Sherone Lewis, Mid Shore Behavioral Health. I'm hopeful about the new Rural Mental Health Initiative.
- Shelly Neal-Edwards, Kent County Dept of Social Services. The staff are celebrating MD Charities Campaign Kick Off with staff making soup for each other each day this week. We have some very talented staff who can make delicious soups. This is bringing back a sense of "normalcy" for staff in the office again.
- Rosemary Ramsey Granillo, Feeling hopeful about regional synergy between the Mid Shore counties
- Jamar Abner, Kent Local Care Team Coordinator- What our youth and families are experiencing in Kent are not just issues for Kent families but for many other families on the MidShore, so strategies are being thought of on a regional level and not just on an individual county level.
- Vandrick Hamlin, Kent County Public Schools- Feeling hopeful about the vaccine clinics for children ages 5-11
- Dawson Hunter - planning for the future
- Kat Stork Blaher - continuing to plan and **collectively** work together.

Preparing for our Community Action Planning Session in early December

- Review and refine the [draft agenda](#)
- **Confirm our updated draft Priorities**
 - Focus on addressing basic needs and advancing economic mobility for youth and their families impacted by poverty
 - Enhance regular and effective communication and coordination among service providers
 - Support programs and innovative approaches to provide youth the opportunities they need to obtain the jobs and future they want
- Check out the promotional materials
- What are the best strategies for meaningfully engaging our diverse constituency including youth, parents, policymakers, community and business leaders, etc.?
- Targeted flyer for residents and community members new to KCLMB and Community Plan
 - **Synchronous Meeting**
 - Chamber of Commerce
 - Direct blast to KCPS families
 - CVMA
 - Mainstreet/DCA/ Other Town Associations (Through municipal elected officials in all the towns - Town managers/staff beyond C'town)



- Economic Dev.
- HomePorts Health & Wellness Expo
- Volunteer Fair participants
- Public Safety
- Washington College/BSU/Student Gov't
- Feed the Elderly bags
- Parks and Recreation, YMCA electronic lists
- Large employers
- Users of Emergency Rental Assistance Program (and other social safety net resources)
- Residents in Communities like BayWood, Olivet Hill (community map)
- Turkey Giveaway
- Library
- Kent Family Center
- Head Start sites/ Horizons of Kent and QAC
- VFWs/American Legions

Plan for the homelessness resource and PIT day on January 28

- Mid Shore Pro Bono - Legal Services
- Location potential? Library?
- KCPL as drop off locations for donations at three branches
- Share locations where we can connect with homeless individuals or families
- Kathy Nolan for KCDSS to join planning
- KCPL has mobile hotspots that could be used to provide internet connection if resource day is outside

Confirm our Timeline and Next Steps

- Discuss community engagement and planning timeline for a refreshed FY23-FY25 Community Plan
 - **December 16, 2021** - Community Action Planning to refresh our shared Vision and Priorities with a focus on racial disparities
 - **January - March 2022** - Board and Guiding Coalition with feedback from the community and input from the Action Teams draft a refreshed FY23-FY25 Community Plan
 - **March - May 2022** - KCLMB staff, with support from the Board and Guiding Coalition, "field test" the draft FY23-FY25 Community Plan to strengthen the plan and further align activities with Kent County's broader community leadership and stakeholders; KCLMB staff and Action Teams develop a manageable and trackable implementation plan
 - **June 2022** - Refine and finalize the refreshed FY23-FY25 Community Plan for launch in July



Highlights in Alignment with the Community Plan since 2018

Please share some highlights of what we have achieved, together, in the following areas:

- Food
 - Senior feeding program and Children
 - Pantry Resource Directory
 - Summer SNAP- 2019; P-EBT 2020-2021; SNAP Emergency Allotment 2020-2021
 - Expanded Meals on Wheels with Upper Shore Aging

- Housing
 - Cross county/regional collaboration around housing, particularly with ERAP
 - KCLMB hired housing and transportation coordinator 2020
 - MRDC expansion, new Kent County employees and ERAP
 - MSPB coordinating services with MRDC
 - Rebuilding Together received a Rural Capacity Building grant that has allowed us to increase our services by about 300% since 2019, they also qualified for a USDA grant and increased their Maryland Affordable Housing Trust grant so we have ~\$125,000 annually to provide home repairs at no cost to our income-eligible neighbors
 - Kent Attainable Housing established

- Health
 - Choptank Community Health on scene in Kent Co
 - Rural Health Initiative
 - Behavioral Health Providers suffered losses during COVID in staff and revenue
 - RIM has new staff, new programs
 - New recovery houses

- Technology
 - Wi-fi roll out - for example wifi in all county parks locations
 - 2021 Mobile hotspots available for check out from library
 - CARES funds paid for fiber install on Georgetown Rd. 2020

- Transportation
 - Awareness of public transportation options - media campaign
 - Creation of the transportation work group

- Youth Programming
 - May 2020 Minary's Dream Alliance established with capital to purchase a physical location and BHA program funds to serve 12-17 year olds.
 - 2021 KCPS starts two Community Schools
 - 2019 KCPS hired a mental health and safety coordinator



- 2021 KCPL hired youth services assistant; currently advertising for PT teen services in order to increase services to teens
- 2021 KCPL expanded teen summer reading events
- Boys & Girls Club arrival in the county
- Summer youth employment program
- 2021 Summer Youth Hip Hop Time Capsule paid program for high school students via Chesapeake Heartland
- Coordination, Communication and Funding
 - Better alignment with MSBH
 - MRDC expansion
 - Chester River Assoc merger Shore Rivers partnering among several local programs and organizations
 - Local Care Team sustained, strengthened between Doncella and now Jamar
 - Some co-location with AJC, KFC, MRDC, Head Start, but could be more with DSS, P&P, Recovery, etc.
 - 2021 New Library Director and building renovation, two new branch locations, 4PT new positions with benefits, 1FTE with 100% benefits.

Any other relevant updates from the group?

- **Synchronous Meeting**
 - Unite Us platform opportunity. Sign up for info session to learn more:
<https://uniteus.zoom.us/join/91234567890>
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