

# MINUTES

## Kent County Local Management Board & Guiding Coalition Meeting

November 16, 2023, 9:30 am – 10:45 am, Hybrid Meeting

### Attendance

Board Members: Jamie Barrett, Wanda Boyer, Zita Seals, Shelly Neal-Edwards, Jill Coleman, Tracey Watters, Lisa Short, Shelley Heller

Staff and Guests: Rosemary Ramsey Granillo, Niara Wilson, Paul Tue, Claudia Wayne, Doncella Wilson, Sue Berman, Julie Gill

Absent: Vandrick Hamlin, Terrance Moody, Samantha Rivera

### Agenda and Minutes

Reviewed agenda

Motion to approve 9.21.23 Minutes: Jamie Barrett, Second Zita Seals. All approved.

### Director's Report

Accepting Board Member applications at this time. Currently four board members are interested, and three have already applied. The application can be found on the county website. The Board Development Committee (Bill Webb, Zita Seals, and Vandrick Hamlin) will review the applications and submit the top three to the Commissioners for approval once selected.

Open vacancy for Local Care Team Coordinator – the position is on the County website.

“Beyond Your Mental” Request for Proposal (RFP) question and answer session is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. We are encouraging all interested parties to attend.

Community Plan due to expire FY 2025. Our planning efforts have to align with the forthcoming Childrens Cabinet plan. (See Presentation Slideshow)

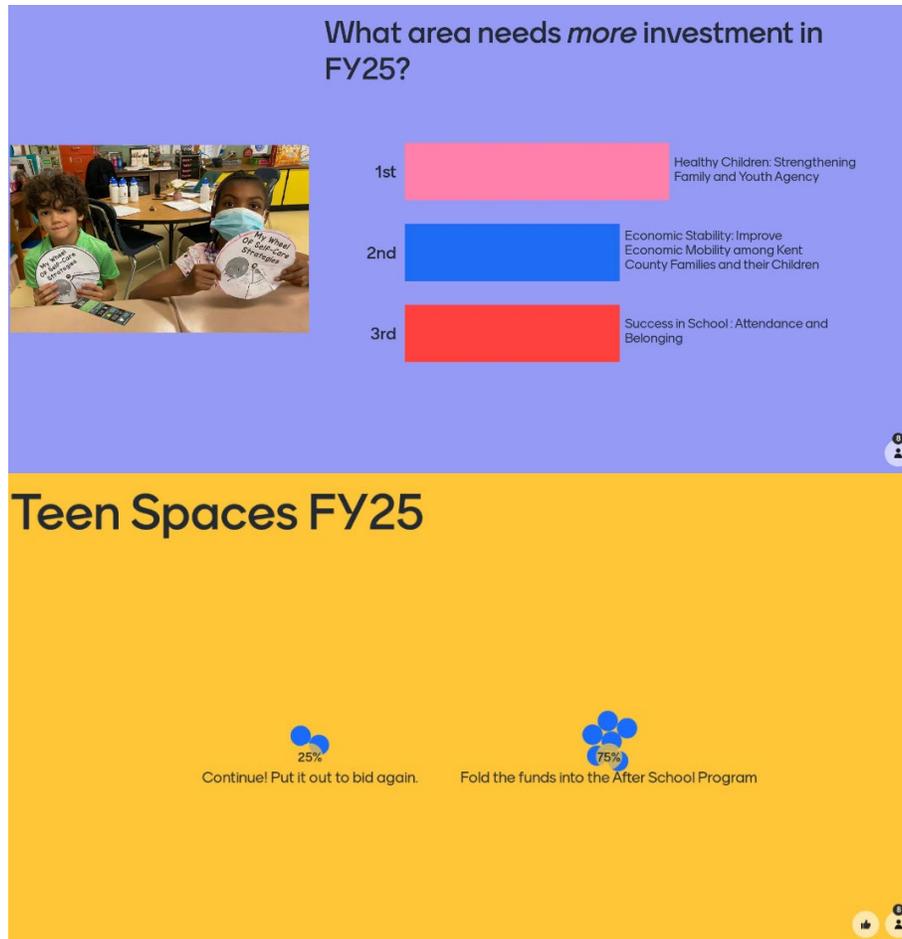
### Evaluating Investments and looking toward FY2025

See slides below:

The Board prioritized the following Result areas from the Community Plan for FY2025 funding.

1. Healthy Children: Strengthening Family and Youth Agency
2. Economic Stability: Improve Economic Mobility among Kent County Families and their children.
3. Success in School: Attendance and belonging.

In regards to funding new Teen Spaces programming, the Board voted to discontinue the strategy and invest the funds toward the Minary's Dream Academy Afterschool program at Kent County Middle School.



**Partner Updates:**

Connected Devices/Kent County Free Laptop Program: KCLMB applied for the second round of laptops for the Connected Devices Program. We are awaiting a shipment of 300 laptops, at this time there are around 70 consumers on the waitlist. Everyone on the waitlist has been notified of their status-once laptops arrive, we will make contact to arrange pick up/drop off. We encourage all consumers to apply online, if assistance is needed, please call KCLMB. Niara attended the Maryland Digital Equity Conference last week at the Graduate in Annapolis. 91,000 laptops have been distributed to families in Maryland. 51,000 laptops for the second request are awaiting to be received throughout the State of Maryland. Only a few counties have applied for additional laptops and many of the second round are counties that did not participate in round one.

Mid-Shore Behavioral Health: Working on the Maryland Consortium for Coordinated Supports (Behavioral Health Services) application due December 8, 2023. Mid-Shore Behavioral has paired with five counties for the LAA due January 2, 2024. Diversity, Equity Inclusion Conference is scheduled for February 29, 2024. Also MSBH received six rehabilitation beds. Rehabilitation can be a minimum of six months and up to a few years depending on the needs of the consumer.

Kent County Parks and Recreation: KCPR paired with Minary's Dream Alliance for de-escalation training for all staff. Accepting Santa Letters from children and families. KCPR Staff will write a letter back to all letter received if interested mail to: PO Box 67 Worton, MD 21678, December 8-Santa's Workshop from 5p-8p, Kids night out is Friday November 17<sup>th</sup>, cost is \$10, kids will be entertained from start to end. December 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am is the last Senior Nature Hike and Lunch . In January KCPR will host a Nerf Night which is a family event for all that consists of target practice, fun, and games using Nerf Guns.

Minary's Dream Alliance: MDA has paired with the Rotary Club for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Mission Gratitude Turkey Giveaway at 9am on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Five MDA participants have been selected for All Team Tournament in Florida accepting funds to offset the costs for food, travel, and hotel. December 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the Holiday Party for all MDA Programs. MDA did partner with KCPR for Youth Mental Health First Aid earlier this week.

Kent County Health Dept: Flu shot vaccinations are down approx. 100 people this year. Flu clinics will be held at KCHD until the end of December, additional information coming forth-Flu shots are \$35.00, no private insurance, Medicare and Medicaid accepted. The Breast and Cancer Program is encouraging African American women to have screening done due to an uptick in the number of cases this year.

Zita Seals: Currently working on Senior Housing Project in Millington, funding is an issue, seeing more homelessness with the elderly in the County. In 2024, Millington will hold a National Night Out partnering with local community agencies.

Julie Gill: Legue of Women Voters Education-encouraging residents to sign up and vote and engage with civic rights and responsibilities.

**Meeting Adjourned**-Wanda Boyer, Second: Zita Seals

**Next Board Meeting scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup> 2024**

# Improve Economic Mobility among Kent County Families and their Children



Feeding Initiative



Connected Devices



Healthy Families

Feeding : funded by Covid ARPA funds and is matched with USDA funds

Healthy Families : transitioning to MIECHV

Laptops - should continue through FY25

# Healthy Children: Strengthening family and youth agency

Local Care  
Team

Hispanic  
Heritage Events

Brighter Day  
Fund

Be On Your  
Mental



Behavioral Health, Career Services, Wound Care & Development, Rural Churches, Disabilities, Education & Programming, Family Support Services, Crisis Support & Nutrition, Foster, Respite, & Adult Health Care, Dentists Pediatrician Organizations, Find It Here, Youth Led Programs, Gifts, Parks, Returning Citizens Public Libraries, Nonprofits, Service Clubs, Organizations, Transportation, Volunteer School, Camps, Mentoring, Tutoring



Local Care Team: stable

Be On Your Mental: Out to bid

Community outreach like Hispanic Heritage events

# Innovative Approaches for Child Well Being



Library Teen Spaces

Choptank Tolomato Legacy Project

MDA Academy

MDA Teen Spaces

Hip Hop Time Capsule

## Teen Spaces

FY23 Library investments

FY24 MDA - prioritizing Academy instead if necessary

Hip Hop Time Capsule - will not continue

Choptank Tolomato

Minary's Dream Academy - needs to hire another team member to cover growing enrollment

# Prioritizing FY25 Investments

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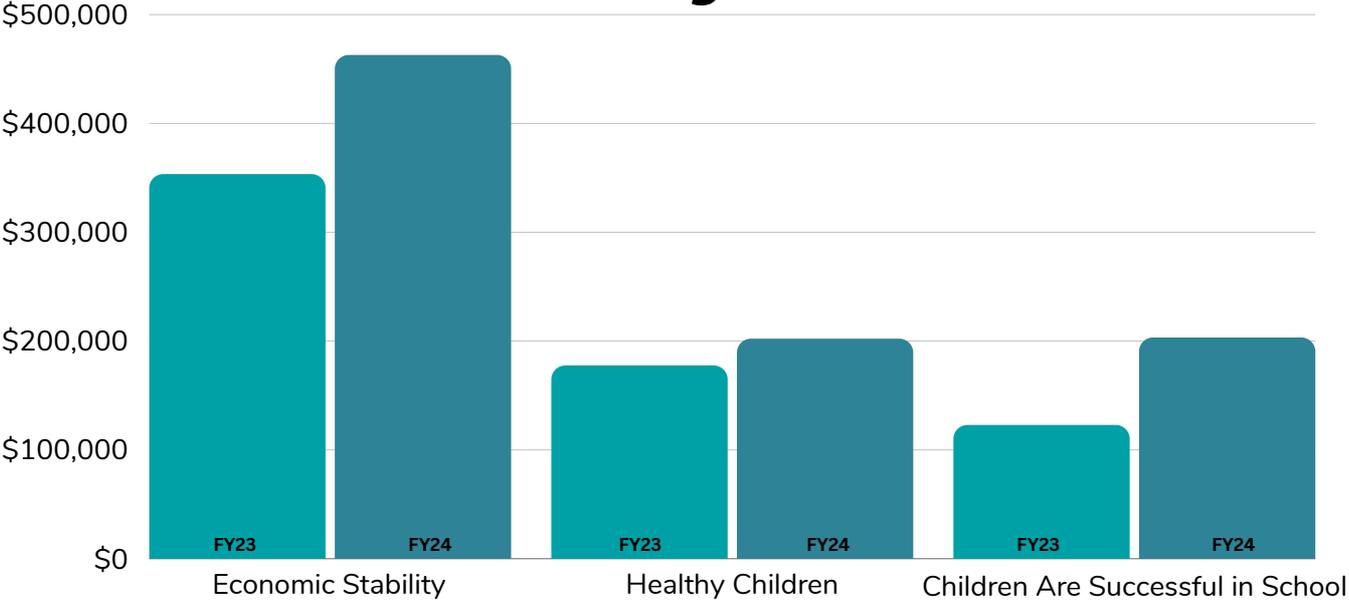


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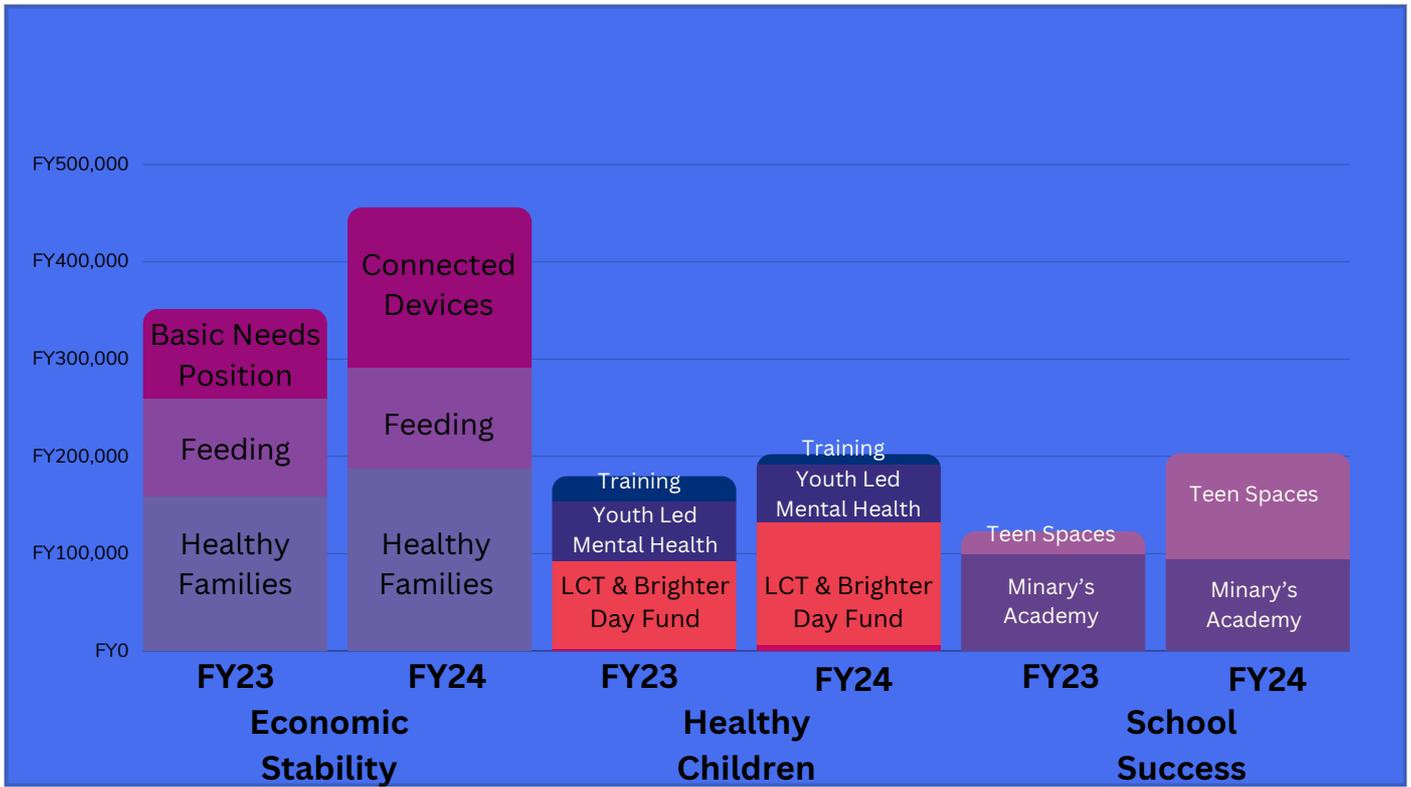
The State expects to fund the same programming and initiatives as FY24 and does not recommend starting new initiatives. They have asked the legislature to keep their same plan for another year, and will roll out the Moore Administration's new plan later during FY25.

Within that understanding, and what we know about our current programs, we will look at how MUCH money is going to each result area, and if we want to adjust at all.

# Investments by Result Area



Big picture of how KCLMB investments align with our Community Plan



Detail of how KCLMB investments align with Community Plan

Feeding will sunset at the end of FY24

Connected Devices will sunset at the end of FY25

Teen Spaces was bolstered in FY24 with the Safe Summer grant award - one time funds.