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**Community Advisory Board**

**Agenda for March 12, 2021**

**In Attendance: Kerry Fair (BCOH), Samantha Barrett (BCOH), Jennifer Younker (BCOH), Joan Balbuena (BCOH), Chris Cassatt (Resident), Alexis Broder (SE21), Ashley Ciampo (Resident), Beatrice Talmage (Resident), Austin Green (BCOH), Sarah Bush (Aetna Better Health Maryland), Brittany Wedd (Discovery Station), Kim Halsey (The Judy Center, St. John’s Episcopal), Kay Papeskov (Resident), Lisa Knight (Resident), Joyce McClanathan (St. Andrew’s Church), Christie Staubs (Maryland Physicians Care), Michele Stewart (The Judy Center), Monica Johnson (BCOH), Colleen Whelan (BCOH), Mark Douglas (Resident), Kim Buchanan (Community Action Council), Lindsey Willhide (DSS), LeeAnn Broder (Resident)**

* **Schools:** 
  + Bester Elementary School – With the fluctuation in students attending school both face to face and virtually our numbers have remained stable, the student’s attendance is consistent. On April 5th we will begin our last nine-week session. We are currently in the process in encouraging more students from BES and ERHMS to join us.
    - South End 21 total enrollment: 12
    - School Based Health Clinic Update – Plans are underway to realign the Bester Health Center. The goal remains of providing excellent health care and information to the students that attend Bester ES in the areas of immunizations, healthy life style and food choices, as well as the benefit of physical activity.
    - Walking School Bus update - The Walking School Bus activities has been suspended during the pandemic
  + E. Russell Hicks Middle School – The students have consistently connected with us and have actively engaged in both academic and enrichment activities. Their enthusiasm and devotion to the program is admirable.
* South End 21 total enrollment: 14

Family Involvement: Monthly Family Events will be held on March 17th (Theme: St. Patrick’s Day and “Go Fly a Kite,” April 21st (Theme: Ecology and The Beauty of Plants), May 19th (Theme: Culminating Event: Music)

* **Families:** 
  + December-February:
    - Total number of referrals: 22
    - Total number of transitions: 19
    - December: 32 families, 179 individuals
    - January:  32 families, 168 individuals
    - February: 37 families, 182 individuals
    - A total of 58 home visits and 413 service connections
  + Biggest needs for families identified at this time are affordable housing, transportation to jobs, and childcare.
  + Parent Café – Pioneers for virtual cafes in the state of MD
    - 12 Virtual Cafes in Washington County
    - March 23 – Virtual Dad’s Café
    - April 14 – Parent Café
* **Community:** 
  + Save the Dates:
    - 6th Annual South Side Community Block Party, September 18, 2021
      * Opportunity to join the planning committee, contact us if you would like to attend or have suggestions for the event
      * Planning for in person event at this time but we are prepared in case we need to consider alternate plans
    - Breaking the Cycle, October 7, 2021 at The Maryland Theater
      * Speakers: Nontombi Tutu, Sue Klebold, and Temple Grandin
      * Tickets available at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/breaking-the-cycle-tickets-87801858723
    - 6th Annual Babypalooza, April 2022
      * Opportunity to join the planning committee, contact us if you would like to attend or have suggestions for the event
      * Planning monthly activities leading up to Babypalooza
  + Community Enhancement Projects:
    - Locust Point Market mural
      * Artist Matt Long has been selected
    - Better Together: March 21, 2021 South End street clean up
      * Meet at 12:30pm at Emmanuel United Methodist Church
      * All necessary materials will be provided
      * SSL hours to be provided to students
      * Adult must be present to sign waiver for volunteers under the age of 18
  + Community Connections:
    - Community Coffee continues to be available Thursday mornings from 9:00am to 10:30am, added third Thursday evening from 6:00pm to 7:30pm, first Thursday features a partner or program in the community
    - BCOH app was launched in the fall of 2020 and features a community resource guide and monthly community calendar

Guest Speaker: Community Action Council

As a follow up to our December meeting discussion on food insecurity, the Community Action Council will share information on food bank access and updates.

* Presentation from Kim Buchanan
  + More people accessing food pantry due to government shut down and pandemic
  + Food bank card can be used once a month at CAC’s pantry or one of the other participating pantries
  + Card is valid for one year
  + Approximately 30 pounds of food (perishable and nonperishable) given at CAC Pantry
  + CAC hours have changed (8:30-4)
  + All needed documents to apply for services will be in the lobby
  + Willing to make accommodations for families in unique living situations or in desperate need
  + Possible collaboration with BCOH for volunteers for food pantry
* OnTrack to send out survey to assess how people are accessing food resources

Open Discussion/Community Updates

* F00d Drop at Frederick Manor, tomorrow beginning at 7:30am
* Including someone in next meeting to have conversation about transportation and/or childcare
* Sarah from Aetna Better Health – Table at CVS on Potomac Street with giveaways and information about insurance coverage