



## Children's Working Group Give Every Child a Chance to Succeed

November 15, 2019

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

**Welcome & Introductions:** Co-chair Jacqueline Hall welcomed the members of the Children's Working Group and asked all in attendance to introduce themselves.

**Attendees:** Lauren Picone, Janice Burns, Kim Stewart, Kelli Blakeley, Kelly Newell, Mary Ioraci, Sheri Scavone, Kaley Donaldson, Jodi Schwegler, Shari McDonough, Kathy Evans-Brown, Maggie Rapp, Judith Dahلودin, Connie Desmaris, Sarah Utkin, Mary Carroll, Ruth Cleary, Kim Lodico, Anne Ryan, Mary Comtois, Melissa Schreiber, Vallie Ferraraccio, Tieza Jonas, Kim Suminski, Aimee Neri, Jacqueline Hall, and Hannah Holden.

**Racial Equity Training** - Ms. Hall informed the members that the racial equity concerns raised in the last meeting of the working group, concerning a shared understanding and approach to this central concern, will be address during the next Task Group meeting during a presentation by Deputy County Executive Maria White and Erie County Commissioner of Personnel Tim Hogues. During the next Task Group meeting, we will also receive a presentation on Asset Mapping.

**Results Based Accountability** - Ms. Hall reviewed the concept of Results Based Accountability and addressed the three central questions of How Much Are We Doing, How Well Are We Doing It, and Is Anyone Better Off? She further reviewed the three goals and two initiatives per goal established by the Live Well Erie Implementation Team during the development of the program. The goals and initiatives are our established framework, and the solutions that we develop should relate to them.

**Work Group Structure** - Ms. Hall asked the group to consider how best to structure the Children's Working Group to address the identified goals and initiatives. After discussion the

decision was made the beginning with our January meetings we will hold monthly 90 minute meetings of the entire group during which the larger group will break into three smaller groups to work on the individual goals and initiatives. The smaller groups will then rejoin the larger group and report out on their work at the end of the session.

Ms. Hall was asked if there is a specific time frame during which the Working Group is expected to accomplish their assignments. There is not, the work is intended to be ongoing. The Children's Working Group will coordinate with the work of the other Working Groups through the Implementation Team meetings and the Task Force meetings.

There was discussion around the definition of "child" and "children" for the purposes of our work. The consensus was taken that the language of the goal and initiative will determine how child/children are understood. For example, when discussing high school graduation rates, children will be interpreted as those individuals attending high school.

In preparation for our December Working Group meeting, Ms. Hall asked the attendees to review the goals and initiatives in order to bring proposed solutions and measures to the next meeting. The information on the goals and initiatives can be found on the Live Well Erie web site.

The group established some operational guidelines for their work together:

- There are no unworthy suggestions
- This is a safe space
- ELMO (Enough, Let's Move On)
- Speak from your own system/expertise
- Solution-focused Conversations
- Individual responsibility to review what happened in missed meetings

A final question asked how the group will incorporate the voices of the communities affected by our work. Human-centered design principles were mentioned as a valuable approach.

**Future Meeting Dates** – Ms. Holden will send a doodle poll to the email list asking for input on when the best times are to schedule meetings for January 2020 and forward.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, December 20, 2019 at 9 AM at the United Way of Buffalo & Erie County, 742 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14209. This meeting will be one hour long; future meetings will be scheduled for 90 minutes.