

Local Development Council March Meeting

March 19, 2025

Attendance: Dr. Toye Latimore, Barbara Holt Streeter, A'Lana Lester, Letisha Vinson, William Taylor, Sharisse Lane, Evelyn Wilson, James Ballentine, Daffodil Baez, Ebonique Bethea, Jamila Woods, Ernest Lewis, Kanika Bynum, Stephanie Cochran, Dani Moore-King, and TeQuilla Taylor.

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm

Welcome and Remarks

- **Barbara Holt Streeter**

- A federal job fair was hosted by Employ Prince George's and the State of Maryland. It was successful in providing employment opportunities and resources to the community.
- The County Executive released a \$5.7 billion budget proposal, with about 60% focusing on education. The budget aims to avoid layoffs but will still impact residents in various ways.
- Registration for the Summer Youth Enrichment Program for ages 14-24 ends on March 31, 2025.

Minutes

- Dr. Latimore – motion to approve the January 15, 2025, LDC Meeting Minutes
- Seconded by Delegate Woods
- All in favor
 - Approved and passed with unanimous consent.

Elected Officials Reports

- **Delegate Woods**

- Discussed three bills:
 - HB 666 for calcium score testing coverages.
 - HB 970 prohibiting step therapy for insulin.
 - The Behavioral Health Advisory Council – aims to improve healthcare access for children with behavioral and mental health challenges.
- There is a need to address issues with obtaining IDs for minors without legal guardians.
- The social work licensure exam is racially biased and contributes to a shortage of social workers.

- **TeQuilla Taylor**
 - Senator Muse sponsored 27 bills this year. He is actively working on legislation to address reparations and highway safety, with community input being crucial.
 - The Maryland Reparations Commission bill aims to study and recommend benefits for descendants of enslaved individuals.
 - Bills for highway safety on Maryland 210 aim to honor victims and increase penalties for speeding.
- **Dr. Latimore**
 - Changes in flight patterns have increased noise and disturbances in residential areas.
 - The helicopter noise is a serious nuisance affecting the community. A lot of residents are concerned.
 - Further investigation is needed to determine if rerouting is possible.

Updates on Grant Partners

- **Dr. Latimore**
 - Reminded members to contact their assigned grant awardees to build partnerships.
 - One of the major roles that the LDC has will be to monitor the work that the assigned grant awardee is doing in accordance with the purpose they outlined on their application.

Mid-Year Reports

- **Dr. Latimore**
 - Mid-Year reports from grant awardees were well-written with documentation.
 - This is believed to be due to the changes made to some of the questions.
 - The reports are stored on a Sharepoint for auditing purposes.

Grant Funding Updates

- **Dr. Latimore**
 - The LDC will not receive funding this year, but future funding is uncertain.
 - The law does not stipulate that the LDC receives funding.
 - Acknowledged the \$3 billion deficit in Maryland.
- **Barbara Holt Streeter**
 - This was the first year in several years that no funds were allocated to LDC.
 - The budget process allows for annual review, and funding could be reinstated in the future.
 - Funds were redistributed across the board.

Access to Meeting Recordings

- **Letisha Vinson**
 - Reminder that all recordings of council hearings and LDC meetings are available online.

Motion to Adjourn by Dr. Latimore at 7:49pm

- Seconded by Delegate Woods
- All in favor