

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD**

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**LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD
2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

Purpose

The purpose of this Board is to serve as the coordinator for the collaboration of services specific to children, youth, and families in St. Mary's County. The Board is accountable for bringing together local child-serving agencies and providers, clients of services, and other community representatives to empower local stakeholders in addressing the needs of and setting priorities for our communities.

Activities

As the COVID-19 pandemic continued in its second year in 2021, it became increasingly difficult for human service agencies to meet the growing needs of the community. LMB members were frequently unable to attend board meetings due to an increased and/or changed work schedule. The Board voted to move from a full board monthly meeting to a bi-monthly meeting schedule with the understanding the 'off month meetings' would occur for small committee work on specific projects.

The Board established a committee for the thorough review of the findings from the 2020 needs assessment and then determine recommendations to the full board on how to best utilize the funding allocation in response to the data.

The Board hosted a training for LMB members and vendors on racial equity. The facilitator was from the Governor's Office on Children and the session was titled Race and Ethnic Disparities with the purpose of providing technical guidance on how to ensure all LMB funded programs and services are designed and implemented in such a way as to minimize and/or avoid racial and ethnic disparities.

Challenges

Due to COVID-19 and an influx of professional demands experienced by Board members, maintaining a consistent presence at meetings continued to be an ongoing challenge.

Plans

In 2022, the Board's primary focus continued to be identifying changing community needs brought about by the pandemic and adjusting programs and services to meet those needs. The results of the Board's 2020 needs assessment drove the work for the coming year. The LMB's application to the Governor's Office for Children for funding allocation reflected those priorities along with required data to support a

coordinated strategic approach for response as a cohesive human services delivery system.

Membership as of December 31, 2021–

Missy Alexander
Michael Blackwell
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Cheryl Long
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