



A Branch of the American School Counselor Association

ALL IN FOR ALL STUDENTS

June 3, 2023

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Mission Statement: The Maryland School Counselor Association (MSCA) advocates for and promotes excellence in the profession of school counseling to support current and future school counselors in fostering the full potential of all students' academic, career, and social/emotional development across all regions of the state.

Vision Statement: The Maryland School Counselor Association (MSCA) creates a network of support for current and future school counselors by providing professional development, leadership, outreach, and advocacy through ethical practices. MSCA, in association with the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), empowers all Maryland school counselors to promote every aspect of student success through implementation of the National Model.

Date and Time: June 3, 2023; 9:00am

Location: Virtual Meeting

Attendees:

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions- N. Ham
 - a. Review of the [March Meeting Minutes](#)
 - i. Introductions (if this is first time here, please drop your email address in the chat)
 - ii. Goals for this year:
 1. By April 2023 identify, train and provide support for at least 5% of MSCA members who will be able to advocate for more inclusion in the Maryland Blueprint Career Ladder legislation
 2. By June 2023 identify two ways to improve the diversity of voice, via, gender, race, cultural, religion, sexual orientation, gender identification, geographic location, human abilities, and thought in MSCA Programming
 3. Increase the Maryland School Counselor Association conference participation from 250 participants to 400 participants by April 2023
2. [President-Elect Report](#)- mponce@mscaonline.org
 - a. Recognition Committee- No updates to report from previous meeting; I am available to assist the incoming president-elect with onboarding.



- b. Need to appoint a new person for the Financial Assistance Advisory Council (FAAC), 2-year term expires end of June 2023
 - c. The Maryland Counseling Association (MCA) representative update- I have not been able to attend the last three months due to conflicting work schedules.
3. Past-President Report:
- a. Nomination Committee Updates
 - i. Laura will send out ballots
 - b. By-Laws
4. Committees:
- a. [Membership/Website Report](#) - wmarchione@mscaonline.org and mhoyt@mscaonline.org
 - i. Memorial Day sale brought in a total of \$805
 - 1. \$690 in renewals and \$115 for new members
 - b. Social Media/Communication – adowney@mscaonline.org Allie Downey
 - i. Facebook- Last Mtg (Mar) 1,503; Currently: 1,519
 - i. Instagram: Last Mtg (Mar) 593; Currently: 608
 - ii. Twitter - Last Mtg (Mar) 2,898; Currently 2,884
 - c. Professional Development- ereed@mscaonline.org Ed Reed
 - I. Lauryn’s Law- hosted Lauryn’s Law May 19th and May 20th
 - II. Over 50 attendees
 - III. Request for it to held again
 - d. Equity and Social Justice Committee- mbeuttah@mscaonline.org Mia Beuttah
 - I. No updates
 - e. Legislative/Advocacy Committee – hkleiderlein@mscaonline.org
 - I. Legislation that passed
 - A. HB 770/ SB 913: School Counselor added to the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports
 - B. HB 1219: School Counselors eligible for Janet Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program
 - C. HB 271/SB 3: Funding provided for 9-8-8 Mental Health Crisis Hotline
 - D. SB 858: Loaded firearm to be stored in location inaccessible by a minor-age increased from 15 to 18
 - II. Legislation to monitor



- A. HB 418/SB 283: Establishes a Behavioral Health Workforce Investment Fund
- B. HB 615: Workgroup on Black, Latino, Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Other Underrepresented Behavioral Health Professionals report due date extended to July 1, 2024
- C. HB 1148/SB 582: Behavioral Health Model for Maryland (establishes a commission similar to what the Kirwan Commission was for the Blueprint)
- D. HB 82/SB 201: Regarding reimbursement for mental health services in schools, including School Counselors
- E. HB 265/SB 388: Creating a standardized Behavioral Health Questionnaire
- F. HB 883/SB 791 did not pass: Includes School Counselors as employees eligible to receive the salary enhancement for National Board Certification achievement (NBCT). Policy Partners is continuing to follow up with meetings between the AIB, MSDE, and MSEA on this issue

II. Strategy meeting scheduled for Wed. June 28 with Policy Partners to wrap up this past session and set goals for summer/fall and Legislative Session 2024

III. Ideas for summer/fall and next year include sending notes and tokens of appreciation to legislators who supported us this session, highlighting a legislator in our monthly newsletter, building our Legislative Committee, hosting an Advocacy Night in Annapolis next Session.

Ask Holly to send out a survey to request the needs for the upcoming year.

f. Ethics Committee- Carolyn Thorpe - cthorpe@mscaonline.org

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g. Merchandise- Sharon Winston merchandise@mscaonline.org

I. No update at this time

Considering requesting organization materials

Ask about refund when we are out of stock of materials.

h. Mentoring Committee- kklecan@mscaonline.org

- We have identified 12 pairs of school counselors across the state for mentorship.
- Pairs are currently working on mentorship agreements.
 - We will need to send a reminder and extend the deadline for this (as of May 30th only 2 agreements turned in.)



- We appreciate the continued promotion in the newsletter of the mentoring program. We are planning to add a line to the directions on the sign up that pairings are on pause until August.
 - Committee will reconvene in August.
- i. Public Relations – rscott@mscaonline.org
- i. No update at this time.
- j. Regions
1. Southern- jcheaves@ccboe.com
 - a. No report
 - b. However, I plan to do the PD in the fall!!!
 2. Eastern- Kate Rebman
 - a. No report
 3. Northern- Cc Braun (cbraun@mscaonline.org)
 - a. No report
 4. Central- Daniela Helton (Daniela_S_Helton@mcpsmd.org)
 - a. No report
 5. Western- kklecan@mscaonline.org
 - a. No updates at this time.
 - b. I will continue to fill the role until another representative can be found. However, I want to focus on leading the mentoring committee and helping with the conference committee as priorities.
 6. Independent/Private Schools - athompson@mscaonline.org
 - a. No update at this time
5. Treasurer’s Report – xmedina@mscaonline.org
- A. Bank Account Balance - \$98,662.13
 - B. PayPal Balance - \$7925.56
 - C. [Budget Analysis and Proposals for 2023-2024](#)
 - a. [Xiomara Medina](#) Motioned to accept budget
 - b. [Marian Hoyt](#) seconded
 - c. 8 yea
 - d. 0 no
 - e. Motioned carry
6. Elementary VP – elementaryvp@mscaonline.org Tracey Spain
- A. No report at this time
6. Middle VP – middlevp@mscaonline.org Shawnta Leftwich shawnta.leftwich@pgcps.org



A. No report at this time.

7. High VP – secondaryvp@mscaonline.org Marian Hoyt

A. Last DEI Specialist Training workgroup on June 14

- a. These have been successful, but I am hitting pause on another while I shift gears to a larger financial assistance event
- b. Continue to attend FAAC meetings and am happy to serve for another term/while I am High School VP
- c. Continue to send quarterly (at times, monthly) updates to HS members

10. Post-secondary VP – postsecondaryvp@mscaonline.org Dr. Atiya Smith

A. No report

B. Two graduate students interested in serving along side Camille Allen (current graduate student)

11. President's Report – Nikki Ham

A. Conference Comm

a. Conference Committee Update

- i. [Budget information](#)
- ii. Numbers
 1. 20 sponsors
 2. 291 Registrants
 3. \$96,240 total revenue

b. [Applied for the ASCA Pinnacle](#)

i. Advocacy

c. ASCA Conference Meet and Greet-

- i. Leading up to the conference, promote MSCA members who may be presenting or attending
- ii. Board attending LDI confirmation
- iii. Shoutouts on social media for people attending and/or presenting
 1. <https://forms.gle/t3WoYLJ2wv5AuEAu7>

12. Unfinished business:

I. None at this time

13. New Business

A. What would be the process for a business to advertise on the website?

- a. Contact Bill Marchione wmarchione@mscaonline.org

For the Good of the Group

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