NC Pre-Kindergarten/Early Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday November 18, 2020

10:00 am

The NC Pre-Kindergarten/Early Education Committee met on November 18, 2020 at 10:00 am.

**Committee Members Present:** Waynett Taylor, Annie Parker, Samelia Jones, Debra Pless, Lashonda Houston, Nicole Sessoms, Danielle Mauldin, Elizabeth Heston, Trina Wenzel, Teresa Aldridge,

**Staff Members Present:** Patricia Sehorn, Lyne Goode

**Guests Present:** Kelly Huff, Aurora Swain, Frances Bramlett,

**Action Items**

**Minutes-** Waynett presented the minutes from the September 16, 2020 meeting, asked everyone to look over them, and for someone to make a motion to accept them. Samelia moved to accept the minutes, Kelley second the motion, all were in favor.

**NC Pre-K Update**

**Enrollment Update-** Patricia gave an update on the current enrollment numbers. In the private childcare sites, we have a total of 132 slots. 122 of those are filled leaving 10 slots available. In CCS, we have 123 total slots. 105 of those are currently filled leaving 18 available slots. At North Kannapolis Elementary, we have 31 total slots. 17 of those are filled leaving 14 slots still to be filled. McKnight HS has 75 dual funded slots. Currently 52 of those slots are filled which is down 5 slots from last report. They currently in the process of trying to bring children back on campus who were originally in a full remote class. Altogether, 296 of our 361 slots are currently filled. All sites are encouraged to continue outreach activities and to get the word out that NCPK is open and serving children in person and still taking applications.

**Applications and Outreach-** Lyne shared that she still doing outreach activities and is focusing on areas where we still have significant vacancies. She and Lissy are still actively taking applications.

**Other Agency Reports-**

**DHS Subsidy:** Elizabeth Heston gave an update on subsidy:

**Wait List Updates:**

# Children on wait list: 335

# Families on wait list: 221

They are no longer serving clients from our wait list.   We are still serving our priority.

**October termination**

17 Families

26 Children

**Overpayments:**

In October we recouped $2,000 of overpayments

Year to Date: $23,000

We have only received Preliminary reports – Smart Start Funds we have about 2 months more before we will exhaust funds.

Provider agreements are due by 12/30/2020

We are exploring virtual provider visits.  If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Heston

Allocation reversion- We haven’t heard anything yet.

**RCCC Early Education-** Nicole Sessoms reported they currently have 75 participants in the program. EDU 119 will have a second 8 weeks section as well as completely online and hybrid ( meet online with instructor periodically). There are currently 3 Early Education Liaisons and Nicole serves as the Liaison Coordinator who also assist owners/directors as well as participants. They are also currently enrolling for the spring semester and the last date to enroll is January 5th for classes that starts on January 8th. Waynett also pointed out that since Richfield CDC and McKnight HS are serving children from Cabarrus County, she is looking into the Grant program assisting teachers who may be eligible. Please reach out to Nicole or Waynett if you need assistance.

**The next NC Pre-K /Early Education Meeting will be held on December 16, at 10 am through Zoom**