



Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 23, 2021
Zoom Meeting – 8:00 a.m.

The Executive Committee of the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children met Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. by Zoom Meeting. These members were present: Jeanne Dixon, Jackie Whitfield, and Waynett Taylor. Waynett Taylor, led the meeting and welcomed everyone. Staff: Ann Benfield and Ariel Ayers were present. **Quorum was established.**

Ann Benfield presented and the committee reviewed and discussed the minutes of the September 28, 2021 meeting for approval. Jackie Whitfield moved to approve the September 28, 2021 minutes. Jeanne Dixon second, and all were in favor.

Ariel Ayers shared the Partnership's Expenditure Report and went over each one and answered questions.

Ann Benfield gave an update on the Voices for Children Virtual Campaign. Sponsors are coming in for the Duffle Bags of Hope.

Ann Benfield gave an update on the Anne Laukaitis Champion for Children Award winner. Karen Calhoun won the award and Dr. Suda presented the award last Thursday in a video presentation for our virtual campaign to start on November 30th.

Ann Benfield reported the State Budget was signed by the governor last week and we will get new money for the first time since 2008. We are working very hard to determine how to spend the new funds. Ann asked everyone to send a thank you to our representatives.

Ann Benfield reported the Governance and Development Committees did not meet since the last board meeting. Governance is scheduled to meet in January and Development will be meeting soon to get duffle bags ready for the children.

Program Oversight met and approved the Breastfeeding Friendly incentive request. They are working with NCPC to start a new SUN Project program under the same Purpose Service Code (5517) instead of leaving it in the Public Education and Outreach Program. It will be easier to track and it is growing so much. There is a change to the Public Education and Awareness and the Family Education and Support Contract Activity Description (CAD) that the executive committee approved (Jackie Whitfield moved to approve, Jeanne Dixon second, and all were in favor of CAD changes) as a recommendation from the Program Oversight Committee. Ann Benfield shared we are working with NCPC to develop a new Training/Consulting program for the child care providers. This was a request from the directors. Ann Benfield also shared the need to increase the income WAGE\$ cap to \$19, because so many teacher are now making more than \$16 an hour. Jeanne Dixon moved to approve the income cap increase to \$19 an hour and Waynett Taylor seconded. All were in favor.

Ann Benfield reported the office is open daily from 8:30 – 4:30 pm. We are still searching for a new staff member. Ann also reported the office would be closed the last week of the year for the holiday so the staff can enjoy time with their families.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at noon on zoom and the next Executive Committee Meeting will be January 25, 2022 at 8:00 am on zoom.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Waynett Taylor

Respectfully submitted, Ann Benfield