



**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 28, 2023**  
**Zoom Meeting – 8:00 a.m.**

The Executive Committee of the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children met at their scheduled Zoom meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. by Zoom Meeting. These members were present: Beth Street, Gil Small, and Danielle Mauldin. Waynett Taylor was unable to attend. Beth Street led the meeting. Beth welcomed everyone. Staff: Ann Benfield, Ariel Ayers, Lauren Westin, and Patricia Sehorn were present. **Quorum was established.**

Ann Benfield presented the minutes of the January 24, 2023 executive committee meeting and the committee reviewed and discussed. Gil Small moved to approve the minutes as presented, and Beth Street seconded and all were in favor.

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

Ann Benfield shared an email from March 21, 2023 from Lashonda Houston of Endless Opportunities, where she gave 10 days-notice to terminate three Smart Start Programs (Family Education & Support, Attachment Bio-behavioral Catchup, and Inclusive Child Care). She went on in the email and shared these assumptions:

She is proposing to terminate Family Education & Support, Attachment Bio-behavioral Catchup & Inclusive Child Care Smart Start programs effective 3/31/23. The Endless Opportunities Executive Director's personnel expenses (salary, taxes, benefits, etc.) are reduced by 50% for the months of April, May, and June 2023. The remaining available Smart Start funds that remains from the PAT (\$9,327.41) and the Inclusive Child Care (\$25,495.76) programs would be applied towards the deficits for the Family Education & Support (\$4,937.40) and Attachment Behavioral Catchup Program (\$3,236.73 through 3/31/23. The Family Education & Support Program & Attachment Bio-Behavioral Catchup will not be continuing for FY 23-24, because we did not receive funding proposals for their renewal. The net remaining balance of available Smart Start funding (\$26,649.04) will be used to fund the PAT program through 6/30/23. Ms. Houston noted a budget/cash deficit totaling \$1,153.27 will be incurred by the PAT program as of 6/30/23 (4th quarter projected expense \$27,802.31 less adjusted available Smart Start funds \$26,649.03).

After the Executive Committee reviewed and discussed this request and issue:

Beth Street moved to accept the terminations of the three Endless Opportunities programs (Family Education & Support, Attachment Bio-behavioral Catchup, and Inclusive Child Care) effective 3/31/23 and then instructed the Partnership staff to start immediately the contracting process with NCPD for the approved FY23-24 DSP (P.U.R.E. Excellence) for Inclusive Child Care effective 3/31/23 using the estimated remaining funds in the Inclusive Childcare budget so that there is no lapse in service. Gil Small seconded and the decision was unanimous.

Ann Benfield & Ariel Ayers reported that the SUN Project is receiving another \$1 million dollars for the program and we are encouraging the SUDA Institute to accept this new funding and Cabarrus County Government has agreed to contract directly with them. We will also be transitioning the remaining funding that we have in the coming months with a two-month transition to make sure finances are reported correctly with County government. We will always stay associated with the SUN Project and hopefully always keep it as a program with the Executive Director or Program Managers time.

Ann Benfield updated the committee on the State budget and her work in the community to build the capacity for child care.

Ann Benfield report on the committees:

**Governance** – Will submit recommendations on - Updated Strategic Plan – presented at April board meeting – Will meet in April to confirm slate of officers for FY 23-24

**Development** – Did not meet

**Program Oversight Committee** – Will meet later this morning to review new proposals for family programs, and will make recommendations for new family programs at the April board meeting

The next Board Meetings is April 25, 2023 in the Community Room at All Saints or by Zoom at 8:00 am

The next Executive committee meeting will be Tuesday, May 23, 2023 on Zoom at 8:00 am.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned 8:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Benfield