



Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Zoom Meeting – 8:00 a.m.

The Executive Committee of the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children met Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. by Zoom Meeting online. These members were present: Waynett Taylor, Jeanne Dixon, Jackie Whitfield, and Joseph Houston. Waynett Taylor, led the meeting and everyone welcomed her back. Staff: Ann Benfield. **Quorum was established.**

Ann Benfield presented and reviewed the minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting for approval. Jeanne Dixon moved to approve the January 26, 2021 minutes. Joseph Houston second, and all were in favor.

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

Ariel shared the Final Reallocation plan for Smart Start funding:

Child Care Health Consultant	-\$7,983.00	\$184,578.00	CCHC spending increased time in Stanly County
Emergency Dental	-\$5,863.00	\$14,137.00	Have not identified children in need
Early Education Liaison	+\$13,846	\$290,215	Increase in scholarships and stipends

After a review of the need: the committee voted on the reversion from CCHC (-\$7,983) and Emergency Dental (-\$5,863). Waynett moved to accept the reversion of CCHC and Emergency Dental, Jeanne Dixon seconded the motion and all were in favor. Jeanne Dixon moved to increase the Early Education Liaison Program by +\$13,846 increasing their allocation to \$290,215. Jackie Whitfield seconded and all were in favor. Waynett Taylor abstained from the discussion and vote.

Ann Benfield gave an update on the Cooperative Christian Ministries new 2025 Strategic Plan.

Priorities

- Individuals & Families in Crisis
- Children Age 0 – 5 year
- Working Age Adults
- Senior Adults

Strategies

- Housing Stability
- Early Childhood Development
- Employment Transitions
- Senior Adult Well Being

1. Solving the Housing Crisis: Increase our capacity to provide housing resources
 - a. Increase capacity of emergency and transitional housing
 - b. Accumulating capital to respond to Housing Crisis
 - c. Ensuring operational growth and program staffing
 - d. Fostering revenue generating enterprises
2. Access and Education: Strengthening the network and provides access to services for household stability
 - a. Ongoing assessment of homelessness and housing needs
 - b. Integrated support services to improve outcomes

- c. Life-skills training to achieve housing stability
- d. Transitions to housing independence
- 3. Outcomes for Children: Improve the overall development of young children in vulnerable households
 - a. Access to early nutrition and prenatal care
 - b. Proactive medical and dental care for young children
 - c. The spiritual well-being of the family
 - d. Linkage to educational programs and Opportunities
- 4. Career Choices & Fundamentals: Proved resources to successfully transition into careers that support financial stability
 - a. Workforce readiness and workplace disciplines
 - b. Foundations to support work and career
 - c. Starts and transition to emerging career paths
 - d. Apprenticeships and entrepreneurship
- 5. Serving Senior Adults: Empower Senior Adults to lead physically and emotionally healthy lives
 - a. Identify senior focused needs and resources
 - b. Healthy choices nutrition and education
 - c. Healthy Lifestyles and social purpose
 - d. Safety and support for access and assistance

CCMs new focus is early childhood 0 – 5 years, so we are working to set a meeting with Ed Hosack, Pam Smith, Amaha Sheferaw, and Kris Edscorn to see how we can partner to help with housing and food in the community.

Ann Benfield gave updates on the board committees:

Governance – Did not meet last month

Development – Working on an event with DHS and also working on the Coming Together for Children Luncheon

Program Oversight – Reviewed Early Childhood Profile and 3rd Quarter program results. We have one program that is not performing in all areas and program oversight agreed to possibly cut funding if we do not have enough Smart Start funding since our funding request is much more than our current allocation. This program was the last prioritized program.

Ann Benfield reported the office is open daily from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The outer building is still locked but we have a note on the outer window.

Ann Benfield reported the NCPK Program will have a Summer Program for all children in NCPK or any child that qualifies and would like to attend.

Ariel Ayers asked the committee if they would like to fund the Smart Start Advocate in Raleigh with private funds. Jeanne Dixon move to send \$1,250. \$54.94 will come out of the Ashley Thrift account and the remainder will be from fund 508. Waynett Taylor seconded and all were in favor.

Ann Benfield reported we have raised about \$5,000 from the faith community and the Jonathan Foundation to purchase a safe sleep children's book to give to each family when they come to their first well child visit. We have seen more babies die from unsafe sleep in the county in the last year and we hope this simple book will educate the family on safe sleep.

The next board meeting will be June 22 at noon on Zoom and at that meeting the board can decide on the format of future board meetings.

The next executive committee meeting will be Tuesday, July 27th at 8:00 by Zoom or in person at the office.

Jeanne Dixon thanked us and Joseph Houston wanted to thank Ariel for all her work in finance. Welcome back Waynett!

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Benfield