



Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 28, 2021
Zoom Meeting – 8:00 a.m.

The Executive Committee of the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children met Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. by Zoom Meeting. These members were present: Jeanne Dixon, Jackie Whitfield, and Joseph Houston. Jackie Whitfield, 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 May 25, 2021 meeting for approval. Jeanne Dixon moved to approve the May 25, 2021 minutes. Jackie Whitfield second, and all were in favor.

Ariel Ayers shared the Partnership's Expenditure Report and went over each one and answered questions. Jeanne Dixon asked if the Partnership would be receiving any county or city funding from the recent grants. Ann Benfield stated the Partnership has been denied and possibly new federal funding will be coming later. Ann Benfield also stated there will be a meeting tomorrow at the Cabarrus Center lead by the City of Concord and County to meet with the business community to understand their challenges and needs for child care.

Ariel Ayers also stated the Partnership had provided a Summer Program in NCPK which operated 4-6 weeks in Logan Community Child Development Center, Bilingual Preschool, and Kids Korner, these were additional funds for last fiscal year, but will be reported in this year in the audit, because they were received after July 1st.

Ariel Ayers reported in the Other Funds Report the Partnership received a \$3000 grant from Tele Tech for the Reach Out and Read Program to purchase books.

Ann Benfield reported the Development Committee met and presents a recommendation to the Executive Committee to cancel the Voices for Children Luncheon on December 7, 2021 at 12:00 pm, because of the COVID numbers in Cabarrus County. After a discussion, Jackie Whitfield moved to cancel the Voices for Children Luncheon and replace with a virtual campaign. Jeanne Dixon seconded and all were in favor.

Jackie Whitfield asked questions about how the Duffle Bags of Hope would be implemented in the virtual Voice for Children Campaign. We are in the process of developing the virtual campaign outline and should have done by the today or the end of the week, which will be emailed to everyone.

Ann Benfield reminded everyone of the deadline for the Anne Laukaitis Champion for Children Award, which is due October 15th. Jeanne Dixon requested the nomination form be sent out to everyone again. Ann will send out today.

Updates from Other Committees:

Governance Committee will be meeting on September 30th to discuss:

Exit Interview for board members, Welcoming New Board Members Guidelines, Buddy System Guidelines, and developing a letter/MOU for all new board members about their responsibilities to the Partnership, especially for making a contribution annually.

Program Oversight did not meet this month, but will meet again in November to discuss the first quarter program results. The Cabarrus Health Alliance requested to change their incentive program for the Breastfeeding Friendly Program, but did not submit request in time.

Ann Benfield stated the office is open daily from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm and we are still short one staff member. We are waiting for Atrium to approve a new position, which has been delayed.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at noon on zoom and the next Executive Committee Meeting will be November 23, 2021 at 8:00 am on zoom.

With no further business, Jeanne Dixon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 am, and Joseph Houston second. All were in favor and Jackie Whitfield thanked everyone for their time.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Benfield