

**February 16, 2022**

**EE/NCPK Committee Meeting**

**Minutes**

**10:00-11:00**

The Cabarrus Partnership for Children's local NC Pre-K Committee Meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Trina Wenzel, NC Pre-K Committee Co-Chair, with a quorum present and maintained throughout the meeting.

**Committee Members Present:** Elizabeth Heston, Trina Wenzel, Lashonda Houston, Nicole Sessoms, Samelia Jones, Debra Pless

**Committee Members Absent:** Waynett Taylor, Danielle Mauldin, Teresa Aldridge, Jennifer Baucom, Annie Parker, Deborah Beatty, Susan Rebich

**Guest Present:** Kimberly Hutchins, Joy Jones, Spencer Swain, Sandy King

**Staff Members Present:** Ann Benfield, Patricia Sehorn, Hannah Wareham

**Welcome and Introductions**

Trina Wenzel welcomed everyone to the meeting

**Agenda Overview and Approval of Minutes**

Trina Wenzel presented the meeting agenda and asked the Committee to review the 12/15/21 minutes. A request was made by Trina Wenzel for any corrections. No corrections were needed for the 12/15/21 minutes. Trina requested a motion to approve the minutes without any corrections. Trina Wenzel approved the motion and Elizabeth Heston seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Review/Approval Local Plans**

Trina Wenzel requested for a motion to approve the local plans sent out by Patricia Sehorn. The Plans included the Cabarrus County Local Guidelines and Plans/Policies for Transitions, Family Engagement, Transportation, Suspension and Expulsion and Working with LEP families. Nicole proposed the motion and Samelia Jones seconded to approve all Plans. All voted in favor

**Selection of Contracting Agency**

Nicole Sessoms requested a motion for the Cabarrus Partnership for Children serve as the Contracting Agency for the NC Pre-K Program in Cabarrus County for the next school year. There being no questions/discussion, Trina Wenzel made the motion for the NC Pre K Contracting Agency be approved as presented for the next school year and Samelia seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**NC Pre-K Updates-**

Applications are online, 56 in English and 5 in Spanish

Total of 38 completed applications on our waitlist

30 or so are incomplete

**Monitoring-** Have been completed and we had 3 sites that needed some revisions

**Site Selection-** site selection committee met on 2/15/22 and are starting to review the site selection applications.

2 of our current sites had to reapply due to compliance issues and 7 of our sites did not have to reapply

We have 10 total site applications

We are in the community a lot doing outreach for the NCPK applications. If you have any places you would like materials to be dropped off to email [hannah@cabarruspartnership.org](mailto:hannah@cabarruspartnership.org)

### **Agency updates**

**Smart Start update:** We received more Smart Start funds, \$172,000 annually. We are looking at starting a new training for a coaching model, mostly focusing on social and emotional supports in the classrooms. This is what the directors have told us they need. We are looking at dental resources. We are in the middle of the 2 year bidding process for programs. Ann proposed to have CHA to come to this meeting to tell us the new things coming.

**DHS Subsidy:** They do not have a full or part time waitlist- 57 children have received subsidy. Still finding parents not working, moving out of county or over income for not qualifying. Over 70 families have received subsidy but they are looking for a provider. You do have to work full or part time in order to qualify for subsidy. More 0-2 years need a spot than other ages.

**CCS:** For outreach- posted NCPK information on school sites and all elementary schools are working on posting the information, on all CCS social media. CCS preschool are full. They are behind for evaluations due to COVID, they continue to evaluate children. All NCPK classrooms are full. Services are being provided at childcare sites that will allow them in, they will be doing child evaluations all summer. They have received many referrals from foster families- many times it is grandparents that have the child. Trina asked if anyone else is having the same trend. Proposed to meet with social workers to educate them on resources for birth-5 year olds and the programs offered in Cabarrus County. Ann said she will work to get on the social worker's calendar in order to present.

**KCS/HS:** For outreach- They are looking for new outreach opportunities, giving information to their 3 year olds, they have banners out in the community. They have started taking HS applications. They are applying for their HS grant. They are affected by staffing, working on getting the new building built.

**RCCC:** She has 94 participants in the liaison program. Opened another EDU 1900 class. 2 new plans of studies coming out- Teacher preparedness for K-12. Went back to in person courses but there are options to zoom into the classes.

**Families First:** Completing outreach through word of mouth and their home visits program.

**Sunshine House:** For outreach has e-mailed every family that has been to the school since 2017 that will meet the age requirements. They are also running an ad on our website.

With there being no other Committee business, the meeting concluded at 11:10. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2022.

Minutes taken and submitted by Hannah Wareham, NCPK Coordinator