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The team discussed progress of their program and the challenges they face in finding certified teachers. They also discussed the approval of meeting minutes, the continuation of existing programs, and the introduction of a new one through the Cabarrus Health Alliance. The conversation ended with plans for a "Teachers in the Early Years Matter" event in June and the ongoing challenges in their substitute pool.

Laura to send Patricia information about when automatic Medicaid renewals for children will stop.

Patricia to organize Dial screening on May 22th for Cabarrus County schools and recruit volunteers to help.

Patricia to plan additional screening dates with private site teachers before summer.

Waynett to organize "Teachers in the Early Years Matter" event on June 14th for childcare teachers.

TeeTee to conduct outreach at the new Afton library branch.

Partnership team to prepare budget and slot allocation for approval at the May 21st meeting depending on the number of completed applications.

Members Present: Andrea Mayle, Dana Stikeleather,, Waynett Taylor, Starr Batts, Elizabeth Heston, Deborah Beatty, Lora Lipe, Amanda Martin, Sue Rebich, Hoke Pittman

Staff Present: Patricia Sehorn, Ann Benefield

Meeting Minutes Approval and Updates

Ann asked is there were any corrections to the minutes. She ask for a motion to approve the minutes.

The main topic of the meeting was the approval of the January 15th meeting minutes, which Elizabeth and Laura approved. Patricia also mentioned her plans to take notes for the AI updates and center updates, and Ann agreed to help with this task.

Conscious Discipline Training and Program Updates

Patricia reported that they have received 285 applications for their program since January, with 50 being over income and 185 complete. They have around 100 incomplete applications, which only require income and birth certificate. Patricia has been conducting conscious discipline training with private site teachers, receiving positive feedback. They are organizing a parent night to discuss the concepts of conscious discipline. TeeTee and Starla have been attending various events to promote the program and gather applications. The staffing seems stable, but they have several long-term subs due to the difficulty in finding certified teachers. A plan has been approved to allow more extensions for these subs.

Health Programs and Infant Mortality Rates

Ann discussed the continuation of existing programs and the introduction of a new one through the Cabarrus Health Alliance. She also mentioned the rising infant mortality and suicide rates in the county and the ongoing efforts to address these issues. Elizabeth reported that they are still on a waitlist for a subsidy and have sent out surveys to 190 families, with 38 responses received so far. Patricia raised a question about the automatic Medicaid renewals for children, which Lora agreed to look into and provide more information on.

Patricia expressed gratitude for the support and encouraged families to pass it along. Dana, from CCS, joined the meeting despite initial technical difficulties. Patricia mentioned that Cabarrus County Schools are planning a screening day on May 22nd and are seeking additional help. Kannapolis City Schools also have planned dates for assistance.

RCC Liaison Support

Amanda from RCC reported that they have almost 130 participants in their liaison program and are waiting to hear back from a candidate for a second liaison spot.

Childcare Programs Progress and Future Plans

Waynett discussed the progress of three programs: inclusive child care, conscious discipline, and Cabarrus teacher on call. The conscious discipline program is being implemented in two centers and will receive support from certified instructors. The Cabarrus teacher on call program has successfully placed 31 out of 32 participants, with five more expected to complete the program in April. Waynett expressed interest in continuing these programs and expanding them in the future. Additionally, plans were shared for a "Teachers in the Early Years Matter" event in June to appreciate and support childcare teachers.

Collaboration and Challenges in Substitute Pool

Ann expressed excitement about the recent collaboration with Mecklenburg County and the challenges they face in their substitute pool. Hoke reported on the successful outreach with TT at Mount Pleasant and the opening of the new library at Afton, which has seen a high turnout. Hoke also mentioned the ongoing planning for the summer reading program. Ann praised the new library and expressed gratitude for the support provided by the community. Patricia mentioned the upcoming budget approval and slot allocation in May.

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