

NC Pre-Kindergarten/Early Education Committee

Wednesday January 15, 2020

10:06 am

The NC Pre-Kindergarten/Early Education Committee met on December 18, 2019

Committee Members Present: Lora Lipe, Susan Rebich, Waynett Taylor, Samelia Jones

Staff Members Present: Patricia Sehorn, Lyne Goode

Guest Present: Valerie Belk, Nicole Sessions, Spencer Swain, Lashonda Houston, QuWanya Thompson

Ann Benfield opened the meeting and asked everyone to go around and introduce themselves.

Action Items

Minutes – Ann presented the minutes from the December 18, 2019, meeting. Waynett moved to accept the minutes and Samelia second the motion, all were in favor.

Additional Locally Determined Indicators: During our last meeting, Patricia asked for ideas to be sent on how to use the 8 bonus points on the NC Pre-K rubric. Although no one sent any ideas, ideas were discussed and voted on during today's meeting. Lashonda moved to accept the ideas, Waynett second the motion. It was unanimously decided that any site showing proof as to how the following four ideas benefit their site, above and beyond what they are required to do, may be awarded bonus points.

Transportation: 2 pts

Additional Staff Development: 2 pts

Paid Time Off For Teachers: 2 pts

An Allowance or Stipend Paid by the Site toward Staff Health Insurance: 2 pts

Information Only

The Coming Together for Children Conference will be held on **February 29, 2020**. If you are interested in doing a workshop, please contact Patricia.

NC Pre-K Update:

We have completed the creation of our new NC –Pre-K application, and the MOU, and application process have been agreed upon. Training for the application intake procedure will be held at the Partnership on January 28th.

Patricia shared that that she began monitoring sites in early December. The monitoring is almost completed, as she has three sites to go. One private site is on an action plan, and two sites need a second Ekers review.

Other Agency Reports: Ann reported that The Smart Start Programs are in the middle of their two year cycle, and monitoring visits are in the works.

Lyne shared that the Coat Drive is up and running, with great success. The Partnership has collected 454 coats, and given out 94 to children in the community.

Lora shared that the state for the first time is allowing DHS to continue to work the waitlist even though they are working in the negative financially.

Letters and phone calls have been made to their population of special needs and homeless families.

The agency is working the over and under back payment log, and has received overpayments back in the amount of \$7800.00

Their wait list has 707 children, 474 families

Family Update

Lashonda shared that Head Start is well on their way to opening. The rooms are put together, and they are waiting on licensing consultants to visit.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday February @ 10:00am in the auditorium at DHS.