

June 15, 2022

EE/NCPK 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 Waynett Taylor, NC Pre-K Committee Co-Chair, with a quorum present and maintained throughout the meeting.

Committee Members Present: Sue Rebich, Teresa Aldridge, Danielle Mauldin, Nicole Sessoms, Waynett Taylor, Trina Wenzel, Elizabeth Heston, Samelia Jones,

Committee Members Absent: Annie Parker, Deborah Beatty, Debra Pless, Jennifer Baucom, Lashonda Houston

Guest Present: Lucas, Spencer Swain, Lora Lipe, Melissa Jones

Staff Members Present: Ann Benfield, Patricia Sehorn, Hannah Wareham, Ariel Ayers

Welcome and Introductions

Waynett Taylor, committee co-chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Action Items-

Agenda Overview and Approval of Minutes for May 18th and 31st 2022

Waynett Taylor presented the meeting agenda and asked the committee to review the 5/18/22 and 5/31/22 minutes. A request was made by Waynett for any corrections. No corrections were needed for the either minutes. Waynett Taylor requested a motion to approve the minutes without any corrections. Samelia Jones approved the motion and Nicole Sessoms seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Final budget/slot allocation

Ariel shared her screen and presented the final slot allocation. She explained that the slots at Little Learners decreased to 0 slots due to them losing their space. Lockhart decreased to 9 slots due to capacity problems. Ariel explained that the slots at McKnight were increased to 55 dual funded and 36 fully funded slots which makes up for the 27 additional slots that were at Lockhart and Little Learners.

Waynett Taylor requested a motion to approve the final budget and slot allocation without any corrections. Sue Rebich approved the motion and Elizabeth Heston seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

NC Pre-K Updates-

NCPK PLAN update

Patricia stated we will need to sign the section 1. She will send it out through docusign.

As a reminder, all staff forms for admin, teachers and TAs are due by July 15th. Patricia explained that the staff must be approved in PLAN in order to get paid and for the Partnership's budget to be approved.

Applications Update

Patricia explained that the number of applications have been very high. We currently have 248 children on the waitlist, 57 incomplete applications, 40 families that were over income and 41 applicants who did not qualify due to their age or no qualifying under ESL status. We have 35 applications with children with IEPs on the waitlists. Patricia stated that Little Learners did have conflicts with their lease but it has been renewed. However, they informed Patricia this morning after the budget was finalized. There are rate increases for teachers and TAs for the private sites only. They will come as a bonus for this year but next year the increase will be on their pay.

Child Placements

We are working on starting placement this week. We are finishing up scoring for the DIAL screenings and will do another screening at the Wall Center tomorrow, 6/16/22. We are starting to make the center packets.

Outreach Update

Hannah went to the Hispanic Resource night for KCS last month. Hannah also is going to Harrisburg Food Lion on Saturday morning for outreach. The store manager reached out to us and asked if we would come.

Agency updates:

Smart Start update:

DHS Subsidy:

Placements are still on a waitlist but she has seen an uptake in vouchers. There are about 100 children waiting for a child care slot.

CCRI:

Samelia stated she does not have any updates. She is trying to help centers find staff.

CCS:

Over the last 10 months, they have completed 305 initial referrals for preschool. There are 382 EC children that they were serving in CCS in April. They are averaging about 10 referrals coming in per week. Susan Rebich asked how the numbers compared to the past. Trina stated that the numbers are very high compared to the past. Trina also explained that the population growth in Cabarrus County is going up which is why they are seeing an uptake in referral numbers.

KCS/HS:

Not present

Save the children HS:

Not present

RCCC:

Nicole stated she is seeing all the same problems everyone is talking about. The program paid out close to \$50,000 in scholarships. There are 115 participants in the program. Nicole stated that there are a lot of people coming into the program but a lot of them are leaving the early childhood field after. EDU 119 is continuing to be the most popular course that people are needing.

Endless Opportunities:

Waynett educated the committee on her new role as the social and emotional coach. She stated that she is coaching 12 teachers right now.

With there being no other Committee business, the meeting concluded at 10:45. The next meeting is scheduled for September, 21 2022 at 10:00am.

Minutes taken and submitted by Hannah Wareham, NCPK Coordinator