

**May 18, 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 Waynett Taylor, NC Pre-K Committee Co-Chair, a quorum was not present. Therefore, all action items were tabled until the next meeting.

**Committee Members Present:** Debra Pless, Danielle Mauldin, Nicole Sessoms, Waynett Taylor, Trina Wenzel, Elizabeth Heston, Jennifer Baucom, Samelia Jones

**Committee Members Absent:** Annie Parker, Lashonda Houston, Deborah Beatty, Sue Rebich, Teresa Aldridge

**Guest Present:** Kunal Shaw, Spencer Swain, Lea Anne Thomas, Andrea Mayle, Carmen Browne

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

**Welcome and Introductions**

Waynett Taylor, committee co-chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting asked who the new members were. Thanked everyone for being here this morning. Patricia asked everyone to introduce themselves since the new approved sites were on the meeting.

Patricia discussed how we do not have enough people on this meeting for quorum therefore we would go onto NCPK updates and other agency reports. She also discussed how NCPK committee only has to meet 2 times a year. We will send out a poll to see when the committee members can meet next in order to do 1<sup>st</sup> round budget/slot allocation.

**NC Pre-K Updates-**

**Applications Updates**

Patricia let the committee know we have 196 completed applications, 57 incomplete applications and 72 not eligible applications due to over income, age or does not qualify under ESL. We are getting many jotforms applications, about 8-10 applications per week. Trina Wenzel asked for Patricia to state the average number of NCPK slots and Patricia stated that number is about 330 slots this year. Ann explained how the funding works for NCPK slots. Ann stated that the range is between 320-370 NCPK slots per year. Trina stated that it would be great to serve more children now that we have the capacity. Patricia stated that DCDEE will be paying per child and not per classroom.

**Timelines**

Patricia stated that all sites are required to have Conscious Discipline training. Patricia will be doing a Conscious Discipline training on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. She stated to email Hannah to get on the schedule for the June trainings if your staff needs the training.

We are having a mass screening June 9<sup>th</sup> with CCS.

We do have more children with IEPs than in the past. A lot of these applicants are over income. Some important dates: May 27, 2022 Welcome Letters and School Calendars Due. June 9, 2022 Mass Dial Screening Event. June 13, 2022 Child Placements Begin (you will be notified when files are ready to be picked up.) June 15, 2022 NCPK Committee Meeting-Final Budget and slot allocation. July 15, 2022 ALL NCPK Administrator and staff forms due. 8/16/2022 Mandatory Back to School Orientation/Training for Site Administrators. 8/17/2022 Mandatory Back to School Orientation for NCPK Teaching Staff. Back to School Orientation/Training for Public School NCPK Staff TBD. This timeline is subject to change depending on additional DCDEE and or Local Guideline Requirements.

### **Job Postings**

Patricia stated that schools have been posting their job positions on Cabarrus Partnership's website. For the newly approved NCPK sites, you can post your job openings on our website. If centers have filled their positions posted, please let Patricia know so she can remove the posting from the website. Send your job openings to Patricia.

### **Outreach Update**

Patricia asked all of the sites to do their own outreach. She reminded the sites that they will be getting paid per child and not per classroom. We were not able to participate in Jiggy with the Piggy due to the weather. There is a Hispanic Resource night for KCS next week. Hannah also is going to Harrisburg Food Lion on a Saturday morning in June for outreach. The store manager reached out to us and asked if we would come. Patricia stated that we are going to be putting out yard signs around Cabarrus County to get out as much word as we can. We are going to try and put them out at the most popular areas.

### **Agency updates:**

#### **Smart Start update:**

Ann Benfield stated that Smart Start is excited to announce that Endless Opportunities is going to have a new program for challenging behaviors in the classroom. The Partnership's programs are in a 2 year bidding cycle.

#### **DHS Subsidy:**

Elizabeth stated that nothing has changed and they did not have a waitlist. 151 children are still waiting for a child care center and have a pending voucher.

**CCRI:**

Samelia stated that she has nothing new to add. She stated that Danielle and Deborah Beatty will be hearing from Teri at CCRI.

**CCS:**

Trina stated that nothing is new and they are still behind on referrals and they will be working all summer. She stated they are already booked all summer for evaluations until August.

**KCS/HS:**

Jennifer stated that they have banners and yard signs everywhere in Kannapolis area. She stated that they are receiving a lot of applications. She stated that they are continuing to brainstorm how to find the children in their community.

**Save the children HS:**

Not present

**RCCC:**

Nicole stated that they opened EDU119 again for the summer and summer classes started on Monday. She stated they still have 110 participants in the liaison program. She stated they had about 25-30 participants in EDU119 that just needed that one class. Waynett applauded Nicole with her hard work to get so many students.

**Endless Opportunities:**

Not present.

With there being no other Committee business, the meeting concluded at 10:35. The next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2022 at 10:00am.

Minutes taken and submitted by Hannah Wareham, NCPK Coordinator