

**September 15, 2021**

**EE/NCPK Committee Meeting**

**Minutes**

**10:00-10:30**

Committee Members Present, Trina Wenzel, Deborah Beatty, Sue Rebich, Nicole Sessoms, Elizabeth Heston, Debra Pless

Guest Present: Andrea Mayle, Kimberly Hutchins,

Staff Members Present: Patricia Sehorn

Trina Wenzel opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions. She thanked everyone for attending. A quorum was established. The minutes from July August 5, 2021 were reviewed. Sue Rebich made a motion to approve the minutes. Nicole 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the minutes were approved.

Patricia gave an update on placement: 298 of our 351 slots have been filled. We currently have 78 children on the waitlist. Families are still being contacted and it is expected the remaining 53 slots will be filled in the next couple of weeks. New applications have slowed down but still trickling in.

Waynett presented a proposal to allow the Cabarrus Partnership for Children to reallocate slots across sites as needed to insure the equity and as many children are served as possible.

Patricia provided an update on the latest NCPK news sharing information that was provided at the Summer Regional NCPK Meeting:

Agency updates were provided by the following agencies:

DHS Subsidy- Elizabeth Heston provided the following update on the Child Care Subsidy in Cabarrus County:

**August Original #s**

Terminations: 23

Number of children terminated: 35

**August Updated # due to the 20-day grace period**

Terminations: 21

Number of children terminated: 31

\*\*3 Families took advantage of the 20-day extension. \*\*\*

These numbers could change since clients have 5 more days to turn in the late recertification.

**Waitlist #'s**

513 children on the waitlist

362 families on the waitlist

Moving through the waitlist. Our full-time waitlist goes back to November 2020 to present. Families are not employed, requested to removed, moved out of state/county and do not respond to the letter.

**Recertification** – 20-day grace period per Dear County Director 2021-#09 for late recertification. Ex: Recertification is due 8/31/2021, clients have till 9/20/2021 to turn in the recertification packet. I have not seen the impact that I was expecting. I would have thought more families would have benefited.

**Parent Fee's**

Parent fees are waived till October 2021.

CCS- Trina Wenzel gave an update on Cabarrus County Schools Preschool Program. All schools are up and running. The 2<sup>nd</sup> classroom added at Boger is expected to open on Monday. The approval of the additional classroom space was delayed due to backups related to COVID 19. The school system like all of our programs is having a major shortage of substitutes. They currently do not have any substitutes to call on.

KCS/HS- No one present

RCCC- Nicole Sessoms gave an update on the Early Childhood Education Program. Classes have just started and there is a huge need for Edu 119 as many childcare workers have signed up for classes. They too are seeing a huge lack of workforce and a shortage of substitutes. There are no applicants for open positions.

Cabarrus HS- No

Trina thanked everyone for attending and the was adjourned at 10:30.

The next meeting will be held on October 20, 2021 at 10:00 via Zoom.