

September 21, 2022

EE/NCPK Meeting Minutes

10:00-10:30 am

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: Teresa Aldridge, Nicole Sessoms, Waynett Taylor, Elizabeth Heston, Debra Pless, Samelia Jones

Committee Members Absent: Annie Parker, Deborah Beatty, Jennifer Baucom, Lashonda Houston, Melissa Jones, Sue Rebich, Danielle Mauldin, Trina Wenzel

Guest Present: Lucas Wright, Spencer Swain, Melissa Jones

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

Welcome and Introductions

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

Action Items

Agenda Overview and Approval of Minutes for June, 15th 2022

Waynett Taylor presented the meeting agenda and asked the committee to review the 6/15/22 minutes. A request was made by Waynett for any corrections. No corrections were needed for the minutes. Waynett Taylor requested a motion to approve the minutes without any corrections. Nicole Sessoms approved the motion and Elizabeth Heston seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

NC Pre-K Updates-

NCPK Committee Orientation Links:

Patricia explained that every year we need to have a committee orientation. She encouraged the committee to review the PLAN document sent out with the minutes, the program requirements, and the fiscal and contract manual.

[NCPK Program Requirements and Guidance 2022-2023](#)

[NC Pre-K Fiscal and Contract Manual Revised September 2020 Note Added 6-3-2022.pdf \(ncdhhs.gov\)](#)

NCPK PLAN update:

All members have signed the signed the Sec 1 Assurances and all site administrators have signed the Sec 2 Certifications.

Enrollment/Applications Update:

Patricia Sehorn explained that all of our slots are filled and we have 92 children on our waitlist. We thought we were going to get more slots from the State due to them sending out a survey asking how many openings we had. Sharon Stukes explained that it is not likely for us to get expansion funds. Nicole Sessoms asked if the NCPK teachers will be required to attend the

training that Patricia and Waynett are doing. Patricia stated that they are not since it is after their work hours and they will receive training on teacher workdays.

2022-2023 Monitoring

Patricia Sehorn stated that her and Hannah have already made 5 site visits. The plan is for every site to have a site visit before monitoring. The Site Monitoring Tool is due to Patricia by October 31st.

NCPKC Outreach Update

Hannah Wareham has been doing outreach in the community by taking flyers and postcard to parks, dentist office, local restaurants, etc. She will be attending Curriculum night tomorrow night at Rocky River and a trunk or treat event at Wolf Meadow elementary. Patricia stated that she is attending the Fire Truck festival October 1st in Kannapolis and if anyone wants to join, she is looking for others to help.

Agency updates

Smart Start update:

Ann Benfield wanted to report that there is a community Baby Shower hosted by Mint to Be October 1st and Starla will be attending that event. We are in the last year of our 2 year bidding cycle for our Smart Start programs. Lauren is getting ready to send out bidding requests for proposals for the FY 23-23 and 24-25. We are excited to be awarded \$1 million dollars for the SUN Project and will be expanding the SUN Project into Rowan and Stanly counties.

DHS Subsidy:

Elizabeth Heston stated they have 189 pending vouchers and no waiting list for a voucher. A lot of them cannot find space, they have reported change of employment or the families cannot afford the overages and parent fees.

CCRI:

Samelia Jones stated that she does not have any updates. She stated that they do have a couple new hires in their office. They are anticipating and waiting to know what the plan is to get caught up on the Star Rated Assessment.

CCS:

Teresa Aldridge stated they are trying to get referrals and evaluations scheduled.

KCS/HS:

Not present

Save the Children HS:

Not present

RCCC:

Nicole Sessoms stated that they have 101 participants in the program. She is about to work on the PDP with the participants.

Endless Opportunities:

Waynett Taylor shared about the inclusive coaching program. She stated many of the teachers need training. In every center, there are about 3-4 classrooms that need help. The trainings are October 4th and October 16th from 6-8pm.

Ann shared that Endless Opportunities is looking for parents that want to participate in their PAT, ABC, and Circle of Parents Programs. In order to register, go to the Endless opportunities website.

Lockhart Child Development Center

Lucas stated that on October 22nd Lockhart is having a stress and release program for parents and staff from 10:00-12:00 pm.

With there being no other Committee business, the meeting concluded at 10:30. The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2023 at 10:00.

Minutes taken and submitted by Hannah Wareham, NCPK Coordinator