

**CABARRUS COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
Tuesday, October 25, 2022**

The Board of Directors of the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children met on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 8:03 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church in the Community Room and via requested Zoom link, which was advertised on our website and in our newsletter. Ms. Beth Street presided over the meeting.

These board members were present:

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| 1. Beth Street | Attorney/Government |
| 2. Carla Brown | Government |
| 3. Gil Small | Community/Faith Community |
| 4. Danielle Mauldin | Services |
| 5. Dr. Rosolena Conroy | Community/Pediatrician/Counselor (participated virtually) |
| 6. Marcella Beam | CHA/Community/Services |
| 7. Pam Smith | CCM/Community/Services |
| 8. Waynett Taylor | Services |
| 9. Steve Morris | County Commissioner/Government/Business Owner |
| 10. Lashay Avery | Partners/Community/Services (virtually) |
| 11. Patrick Graham | CFEA/Community/Services (virtually) |

These board members were absent:

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| 1. Karen Calhoun | DHS/Government |
| 2. Amos McClorey | Services/NAACP |

A quorum was present.

These staff members were present: Ann Benfield, Patricia Sehorn, Ariel Ayers, and Lauren Westin

Welcome:

Beth Street welcomed board members and thanked them for attending the board meeting.

Approval of Agenda:

The Board reviewed the agenda for today's meeting,

Steve Morris made a motion to approve the agenda.

2nd: Gil Small

All were in favor.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

The board reviewed the consent agenda items that were emailed to members prior to the meeting, including: Minutes of August 23, 2022 Board Meeting, October 2022 ED Report, FY22-23 SS Expenditures, FY22-23 NCPK Expenditures, and FY22-23 Other Funds Report.

Pam Smith made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented

2nd: Gil Small

All were in favor.

WAGE\$ Tier Change for Funding:

Lauren Westin presented that after receiving new projections for Child Care WAGE\$ from the Child Care Services Association (CCSA), the Partnership was able to identify funds within the current budget to move all current enrollees back to Tier II at 100% and catch everyone up from the decrease at the beginning of the fiscal year, as well as begin serving those applicants on the waitlist.

Carla Brown moved to return to Tier II funding at 100%.

2nd: Marcella Beam

All were in favor.

Ann Benfield again apologized for the confusion at the beginning of the year with the funding for WAGE\$ and explained that it is difficult to get accurate projections from the CCSA and that Partnership staff will continue to closely monitor funding in this program and get regular updates on the projections.

FY22-23 Smart Start Reallocation & Cost Allocation Plan Update:

Ariel Ayers presented that we had unallocated money from the initial allocation as well as funding within the SUN Project that could be moved due to receiving funding through the County Special Appropriation for SUN. Staff recommends reallocating these funds to cover the move back to Tier II funding in Child Care WAGES and an increase in employee benefit cost in the Early Education Liaison program.

Marcella Beam moved to approve the increase of \$86,749.00 in Child Care WAGES.

2nd: Gil Small

All were in favor; Danielle Mauldin and Waynett Taylor abstained.

Carla Brown moved to approve the increase of \$5,251.00 in Early Education Liaison.

2nd: Dr. Rosolena Conroy

All were in favor; Danielle Mauldin, Waynett Taylor, and Steve Morris abstained.

Waynett Taylor moved to approve the decrease of \$68,000.00 from the SUN Project.

2nd: Pam Smith

All were in favor; Steve Morris and Marcella Beam abstained.

Ariel Ayers then presented the revised cost allocation plan for the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children, which moved some staff time around due to changing responsibilities within the office and programming.

Steve Morris moved to approve the cost allocation plan as presented.

2nd: Gil Small

All were in favor.

2021-2022 990 Tax Return:

Ariel Ayers then presented that the 990 Tax Return for 2021-2022 has been completed by our independent CPA firm and is ready to be reviewed and approved by the board. The return was sent out prior to the meeting for the whole board to review and Ariel brought a copy for anyone who was not able to review ahead of time. Once the board approves, the authorization will be sent to Board Chair, Beth Street, in DocuSign to file.

Gil Small moved to approve the 990 Tax Return as presented.

2nd: Waynett Taylor

All were in favor.

Connect to Purpose: SUN Project & County Special Appropriation for the SUN Project & Rowan United Way Grant Update:

Ann Benfield had previously reported that the SUN Project was applying for a grant with the United Way of Rowan County to expand the SUN Project into Rowan County. After receiving the County Special Appropriation for the SUN Project and further consideration, the leadership of the SUN Project decided to not complete the grant process with Rowan United Way and retract their application for consideration. They did reinforce with the United Way of Rowan that they still intended to expand in Rowan County and would continue to partner with them. We asked if we could apply in the future if further funding is needed to complete this task, and leadership replied absolutely.

Ann also reported that the Tarheel Bus Tour visited the SUN Project last Friday. The Tour aims to demonstrate UNC-Chapel Hill's impact in the state of North Carolina and its commitment to public service, promote scholarship and service that respond to the concerns of the state and contribute to the common good, introduce faculty and senior administrators to people, ideas and programs that can inform their teaching and research, learn about the state and visit areas that many of our students call home and encourage connections of faculty across disciplines. It was a very successful day, and a lot of other counties across the state are very interested in what we are doing here in Cabarrus County.

Development Committee & Voices for Children Plans:

Waynett Taylor and Lashay Avery presented that the Development Committee met recently to discuss end of year activities that are happening in the community and at the Partnership that the committee and board, as a whole, can help support.

1. Cuddle Up Coat Drive – happening in November and December; Mission Monday at the Cabarrus Brewing Company is on Monday, December 5th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the committee encourages board members to attend, **and asked board members to attend and provide an item to raffle**, please let Ann know.
2. Duffle Bags of Hope – continues to be a success; we are asking attendees at the Voices for Children Luncheon this year to bring a donation for Duffle Bags of Hope, a coat for the Coat Drive, or a monetary donation.
3. Christmas Cards – Lauren Westin presented that several years ago a donor asked if we were able to create Christmas Cards for her donation that she could give to friends using children's artwork. Last year, the Partnership piloted doing these cards for other donors as well and it was a hit. We plan to offer cards for donations at the luncheon this year as well.
4. Christmas Trees of Hope at Cannonballers Stadium – hopefully happening again and we are in the process of planning for the event once it is released.

5. Voices for Children Board Luncheon – the committee would like to require board attendance at our luncheon on December 6th at noon this year, and strongly encourages each board member to bring at least one person to the luncheon that may not know about the Partnership and the work we do. The Committee also strongly encourages the board to sit at different tables, to introduce themselves as a board member, and to meet more of our direct service providers and community partners.

Ann Laukaitis Champion for Children Award Selection Committee:

Ann Benfield reported that the Ann Laukaitis Champion for Children Award Nomination forms have been received and that normally the board reads them and votes on them as a group, however this year one of the nominations is for a current board member and so she recommends that the board think about appointing a committee of 4-5 board members to review and select the winner for the board.

Carla Brown, Dr. Rosolen Conroy, Danielle Mauldin, and Pam Smith volunteered to form the selection committee. All were in favor of this selection process.

Support the Partnership – Contribution Reminder:

Beth Street reminded the board members that all grant applications look for 100% giving from each board member of the applying agencies, and encouraged board members to donate to the Partnership if they have not already this calendar year. She also noted that they can also plan to donate when they attend the Voices for Children Luncheon on December 6th.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business, and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Next Meetings:

Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall at All Saints Episcopal Church (Voices for Children Luncheon)
Executive Committee: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Westin