



Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 27, 2022
Zoom Meeting – 8:00 a.m.

The Executive Committee of the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children met at their scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. by Zoom Meeting. These members were present: Beth Street, Gil Small, and Danielle Mauldin. Waynett Taylor was unable to attend, because she was at a conference in Florida. Beth Street led the meeting and welcomed everyone. Staff: Ann Benfield and Ariel Ayers were present. **Quorum was established.**

Ann Benfield presented the minutes of the May 26, 2022 executive committee meeting and the committee reviewed and discussed. Gil Small moved to approve the minutes as presented, and Danielle Mauldin seconded and all were in favor.

Ariel Ayers shared the Partnership's Expenditure Reports and went over each one and answered questions. She reported she had resubmitted a new update FY 21-22 NC Pre-K Expenditure Report to them, because we are required to have an audit annually for federal funds and some partnerships do not. So, at the end of the fiscal year the state moved \$33,000 of our administrative funding into federal funds so we had to report it differently in the financial reports. This update is to show you of the change and make sure it is correct in our financial statements for 21-22. All other reports were discussed and reviewed. Ariel also reported we receive a draft of our FY 21-22 990 Report and we were in the process of reviewing. We will send the draft to Gil Small our treasurer for his review before we send to the full board in October.

Ann Benfield reported the county has received \$1 million in funding for our SUN Project and the Partnership will receive \$745,900 of this funding. We will work with expanding the SUN Project in Rowan and Stanly counties helping them develop a system of care for pregnant women in substance use. We will be hiring coordinators to work in each county on recruiting partners to work together to modify their systems to better serve these women. Ann also report we applied for a grant to United Way of Rowan County before the state funding was announced, to help with the expansion of the SUN Project in Rowan County and we did a presentation for their board last week. This grant should be awarded by November or December. We told them we had received funding from the state of NC for expansion and if we receive their United Way funding we might need to defer our request at this time. They understood and was very thankful we have received funding for Rowan.

Ann Benfield reported to the committee she has been working with Lauren Westin and Ginny Amendum to update the FY 2019 – 2024 Strategic Plan and the Succession Plan for the organization. Ann report she updated the succession plan to reflect the new projected dates for her retirement and hopefully her health will remain strong. She also stated the highlighted red/green areas of the plan were the new focus for the last two years of this plan. She recommends we focus on quality child care, in building capacity, a career lattice and salary scale for child care providers, and focus on board involvement in Smart Start programming, and funding raising and the Voices for Children Luncheon. See the attached plan for review before the Governance Committee meets to discuss and make recommendations.

Ann Benfield reported Amy Cabbage came to Cabarrus County on September 8th and presented the Karen Ponder award to Dr. Suda and toured the Lockhart Child Development Center, the Dental and Sun Clinic. It was a very productive visit.

Ann Benfield reported:

Updates on Committees:

Governance – Will meet in October or November to discuss the Strategic Plan and Succession Plan

Development – Did not meet since last Board Meeting – they will meet and discuss the Voices for Children Luncheon and Duffle Bags of Hope

Program Oversight Committee– Will meet again in November to review the 1st quarter results of programs. We are still keeping a close watch on some of our Smart Start programs. We will be having the Bidder's Conference for new Smart Start Program proposals the first week of October and will be accepting applications in October and November. Please share with the community the application and encourage people to apply with great ideas on how to help the child care community and better serve our youngest families.

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be November 22, 2022 at 8:00 by zoom.

The next Board Meeting will be October 25, 2022 at 8:00 am in person at the Community Room at All Saints Episcopal Church (please enter from the Country Club Road entrance) and also by Zoom

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned 8:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Benfield