

NC Pre-Kindergarten/ Early Education Committee

Wednesday November 15, 2017

10am

The NC Pre-Kindergarten/ Early Education Committee met on Wednesday September 20, 2017 in the meeting room at Cabarrus DHS. Ann Benfield (Co-Chair) led the meeting that was attended by Annie Parker, Trina Wenzel, Skyia Soloman, Debra Pless, Patricia Sehorn, Elizabeth Albright, Lyne Goode and Jamie Clark.

Committee Members not present: Maureen O'Bryan, Linda Roberts, Debbie Johnson, Tanisha Jones, Quwanya Thompson, Ashley Reid, Kimberly Hutchins, Deborah Beatty, Danielle Mauldin and Spencer Swain, Aurora Swain. Lashonda Houston, and Sue Aschbrenner.

Welcome

Ann Benfield welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves around the table. Ann also introduced the new staff member Lyne Goode. Lyne has been hired to work with the intake and outreach for the NC Pre-K and Smart Start Scholarship child care subsidy program.

Quorum

A voting quorum was not established at the beginning of the meeting, so we will vote on the minutes at the next meeting. We will also need to vote on the changes to the local Care Team at the next meeting.

Information/Updates:

Care Team Changes (Elizabeth)

Elizabeth discussed the changes to the Care Team, due to the changes in required steps in required documentation and the referral process for children with challenging behaviors. The Care Team that the Partnership had created to help with this is no longer needed. At the next meeting, Elizabeth will ask the committee for revisions and approval of the changes to the local guidelines. The Cabarrus Partnership will continue to help Non-NC Pre-K sites with the referral process.

NC Pre-K (Elizabeth)

Elizabeth shared NC Pre-K Monitoring Tool is due today. We will do NC Pre-K Monitoring visits in the month of December. Elizabeth will email the group a list of dates and times that are available. She also discussed this year she will also need to schedule a 20 - 30-minute meeting with each site administrators. At this meeting, she will go over the child care rule changes in regards to how that relates to the local and state policies in regards to children with challenging behaviors.

Elizabeth also went over the deadline for Site Applications. Elizabeth will email the NC Pre-K Site Application out today and it will be due in our office by 12/15/17 at close of business. The Site Selection Committee has been confirmed and will begin meeting once the Site Applications have been

accepted. Elizabeth passed out the NC Pre-K timeline and discussed the changes in site selection, slot approval and placement.

Smart Start (Ann)

Ann state this year's Smart Start programs will roll over for FY 18-19 if providers are providing acceptable programming. Ann also shared a new program that Smart Start will be funding in Cabarrus county through DHS. The program will provide Trauma Assessments for all children birth – 18 years coming into In-home service at DHS.

Smart Start Scholarship (Jamie)

Jamie shared the Smart Start Scholarship program is currently on hold for new applicants because of a market rate increase in the state effective October 1st. Also, this program is now supporting wrap around care for eligible NC Pre-K students who are not already being served by DHS subsidy programs.

DHS Subsidy (Lora)

Lora is currently on Maternity Leave, but Cabarrus County does have a waiting list for child care subsidy.

Family Support (Elizabeth)

Elizabeth shared the Cuddle Up coat drive drop off location flyer along with the Kick Off event flyer. Requests for coats are starting to come in. We are still in need of items for the raffle for this event. If you have any donation items, please let staff know so they can coordinate pick up.

Elizabeth will be off over the next 2 weeks so any coat requests can be sent to Jamie and any donations for kick off event can be sent to Lyne.

CCRI

Elizabeth Albright shared with the group that Ashley Reid emailed her to share that her last day with CCRI will be 11/27. Debbie Johnson will assume the voting for CCRI.

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Action Items:

Items will be voted on at the next meeting.

Next scheduled meeting: January 17, 10am at DHS (if needed)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am