

**Early Education/ NC-Pre-Kindergarten Committee**  
**Wednesday, July 15, 2015**  
**10:00 am**

The Early Education/NC-Pre-Kindergarten Committee met on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at the Partnership office. Lora Lipe, Michelle Lugo, Alicianna Smith, Debra Pless, Maureen O’Bryan, Carmen Morrison, Tanisha Jones, Dee Almond, Wendy Brandon, Kimberly Hutchins and Shonta Walker attended the meeting. Teresa Aldridge attended on behalf of the Cabarrus Partnership.

**Welcome**

Ann Benfield welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for all the work they do for the children in Cabarrus County.

**Approval of Minutes of April 15, 2015**

Minutes of the meeting on April 15, 2015 were distributed. Ann asked for any corrections or additions.

- Moved to accept the minutes as presented: Lora Lipe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tanisha Jones
- All in Favor.

**Site Selection Recommendation-Teresa Aldridge**

Site	New Site Application	Application Checklist Score	Notes	Recommended Approval Status
<b>Quality Child Care/Oakboro Kids Club</b>	Yes	70	Strengths considered by the committee: Strongest overall score, highly qualified administrator and teaching staff with NCPK experience (note that one new teacher will be hired if enrollment allows). Presence of bilingual staff. The quality and NC PK compliance history of this facility is endorsed by	Approved

			Stanly County NC Pre-K Coordinator, Bonnie Aldridge, who has worked with this program for several years.	
<b>Richfield Child Development Center</b>	Yes	66	Strengths considered by the committee, 2 <sup>nd</sup> highest overall checklist score, highly qualified administrator and teaching staff with NCPK experience. The quality and NC PK compliance history of this facility is endorsed by Stanly County NC Pre-K Coordinator, Bonnie Aldridge, who has worked with this program for several years.	Approved
<b>Dixon Academy</b>	Yes	N/A	Application was not scored due to late submittal.	Disqualified due to late submission of application after due date.
<b>A Mother's Touch</b>	Yes	60	Although site scored high on checklist, the site was not chosen over the other two applications since it is located midway between the current Wall Center site and the new Richfield site. The committee felt approval of Richfield over this site would better serve geographic demand in the area and not conflict with demand to current site.	Not Approved

**NC Pre-K Site Selection Committee FY 2015-2016**

Applications were reviewed by Beth Gilbert and LaShonda Houston on June 30, 2015

Recommendation to accept new site applications for Quality Child Care and Richfield Child Development Center in Stanly County, to maintain all current sites and to decline A Mother's Touch. Number of classrooms needed in approved sites will be based on enrollment demand.

- Moved to approve this plan:  
Shonta Walker
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Maureen o'Bryan
- All in favor-yes
- Abstentions due to conflict of interest: Alicianna Smith and Dee Almond

**Budget and Slot Recommendation FY 15 -16 – Myra Sides**

	# of Slots					
<b>FY15-16 Reimbursement</b>	411					
<b>INCOME</b>				<b>FY15-16 Budget</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Smart Start</b>
<b>NCPK State Funds</b>						
<b>Operating</b>				\$1,844,209	\$1,844,209	
<b>Administration</b>				\$77,753	\$77,753	
<b>Smart Start FY14-15 Allocation</b>						
<b>Operating</b>				\$303,000.00		\$303,000
<b>Admin Support</b>				\$16,507.00		\$16,507
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$2,241,469</b>	<b>\$1,921,962</b>	<b>\$319,507</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		<b>FY14-15 Slots</b>	<b>FY14-15 Rate</b>	<b>FY14-15 Total Budget</b>	<b>FY14-15 State Budget</b>	<b>FY14-15 SS Budget</b>
<b>Child Care Facilities</b>	<b>90 Slots</b>					
Elite		18	\$700	\$126,000	\$126,000	
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Kids Korner		18	\$700	\$126,000	\$126,000	
Logan CDC		18	\$700	\$126,000	\$126,000	
Sunshine House		18	\$700	\$126,000	\$126,000	
<b>School Based Sites</b>						
<b>KCS</b>	<b>76 Slots (\$650 = \$473 NCPK \$177 SS)</b>					
Woodrow Wilson		46	\$700	\$322,000	\$234,600	\$87,400
F L Wilson		30	\$700	\$210,000	\$153,000	\$57,000

<b>CCS</b>	<b>113 Slots (\$ 650 = \$473 - NCPK \$177 - SS)</b>					
Irvin		18	\$700	\$126,000	\$91,800	\$34,200
Rocky River		18	\$700	\$126,000	\$91,800	\$34,200
Furr		18	\$700	\$126,000	\$25,500	\$9,500
Wall Center		5	\$700	\$35,000	\$91,800	\$34,200
Winecoff		18	\$700	\$126,000	\$91,800	\$34,200
<b>KCS - Dual Certified</b>	<b>60 Slots</b>					
McKnight	Blended - Headstart	60	\$265	\$159,000	\$153,000	\$6,000
<b>CCS - Dual Certified</b>	<b>108 Slots</b>					
Long	Blended - Headstart	108	\$265	\$286,200	\$280,800	\$5,400
<b>TOTAL - SITES</b>		<b>411</b>		<b>\$2,146,200</b>	<b>\$1,844,100</b>	<b>\$302,100</b>
<b>Administration</b>				\$94,260	\$77,753	\$16,507
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>				<b>\$94,260</b>	<b>\$77,753</b>	<b>\$16,507</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>\$2,240,460</b>	<b>\$1,921,853</b>	<b>\$318,607</b>
<b>Difference</b>				<b>\$1,009</b>	<b>\$109</b>	<b>\$900</b>

Myra Sides presented the budget above for FY 15 – 16. Myra noted an increase in Head Start slots in Cabarrus County Schools, but a reduction in fully funded slots due to not enough children available in the Irvin and Winecoff area of the county. Also increase in fully funded slots since market rate increase in child care in January.

Moved to approved recommended budget: Lora Lipe  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Shonta Walker

All were in favor

Abstentions: Alicianna Smith and Dee Almond

## **Information/Updates**

### **Head Start Update:**

Ann Benfield reported the Partnership has been awarded the Cabarrus Head Start grant for FY 2015 – 2020. The Partnership will be working with Cabarrus County Schools to implement the new Head Start grant. Cabarrus County Schools is searching for a Head Start Director and the Partnership will be employing an Accountability Coordinator to provide oversight for the grant contract.

### **Smart Start Update:**

Ann Benfield reported the Partnership is in the process of providing 75% of the total budget allocation for Smart Start programs. All programs approved except WAGE\$ and Celebrating Families will be funded effective July 1, 2015. Celebrating Families could possibly begin in January and WAGE\$ is on hold unless further Smart Start funding is allocated when State budget is adopted. The Partnership is currently waiting on the State budget to be adopted.

### **NCPK Updates:**

Teresa Aldridge reported the Partnership is getting ready to start placement for 411 NCPK slots. There could be an opportunity for expansion slots and we are waiting for the request.

### **Smart Start Scholarship Program:**

Teresa Aldridge reported the Partnership program is currently full and we are placing families on a waiting list. We are hoping in August we will be able to provide placement for some of our teen mothers.

### **DHS Subsidy Updates:**

Lora Lipe reported the department is fully staffed with 4 caseworkers. Lora provided the June, 2015 report, with 363 children on the waiting list. The FY 15 – 16 DHS budget is 2% less than FY 14 -1 5. The agency is at about 95% spending co-efficient.

### **Thompson's:**

Shonta Walker introduced Tanisha Jones as the new lead specialist in Cabarrus County. They also reported trainings are scheduled and registration is on-line at their website.

### **Elite Child Development Center:**

Dee Almond reported they are very busy at Elite. She also stated she saw signs in Anson County that stated: Free Child Care Call XXXX and asked if the Partnership could have signs made and post at busy intersections for outreach. Ann Benfield said she would have signs printed.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Benfield

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**10:00 a.m.**