

**CABARRUS PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017**

The Board of Directors of the Cabarrus Partnership for Children met on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 12:00 noon at the Partnership office. Board Chair Robert Furr presided over the meeting.

These board members were present:

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| 1. Virginia Amendum | Community/Business |
| 2. Rob Betler | Community/Business/Finance Representative |
| 3. Gale Coor | Government |
| 4. Jeanne Dixon | Community/Business |
| 5. Robert Furr | Government |
| 6. Amos StarMcCloy | Services |
| 7. Steve Morris | Government |
| 8. Maureen O'Bryan | Services/Early Childhood Representative |
| 9. Yolanda Simms | Community/Business |
| 10. Hilary Smith | Services |

Quorum was established

These board members were absent:

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| 1. Rose Staples Deese | Community/Business/Attorney |
| 2. Cecelia Graves | Head Start Parent/Policy Council Chair |
| 3. Denisha Torrence-Nesbit | Government |

These staff members and guests were present: Ann Benfield, Stephanie Bynum, Katie Boudet (Head Start/CCS), Kelly Kluttz (CCS), Trina Wenzel (CCS) and Quwanya Thompson (Thompson Child & Family Focus).

Welcome & Introductions

Robbie Furr welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Quwanya Thompson discussed the services their two Behavior Intervention Specialists provide in regulated child care centers through the Cabarrus Inclusion Services program funded by the Partnership.

Action Items:

Minutes of October 25, 2016 and December 6, 2016 Meetings

Motion: Amos McCloy made the motion to approve minutes of the October 25, 2016 and December 6, 2016 board meetings.

2nd: Gale Coor

The motion passed unanimously.

Leading for Equity Retreat/Cannon Foundation

Ann Benfield reported she and Amos have been working with the Concord City Council and other community leaders to plan a full day Leading for Equity Retreat scheduled for March 20, 2017. She has discussed ideas with facilitators who led retreat in 2012-13. The first retreat focused on education. The focus of this retreat will be our cities relationship with law enforcement. The Partnership has submitted a grant to the Cannon Foundation. Concord Mayor Scott Padgett wrote a letter of support for the grant. All board members are invited, but space will be limited due to the large number of community groups that will be invited.

Financial Reports (priority – homelessness to subsidy)

Ann Benfield explained that the financial reports were provided for informational purposes. Ann reported that a correction that Rob Betler/Finance requested for NCPReK is reflected in reports.

Ann reported an increase in homeless families with young children in Cabarrus County. Because of this increase, the Partnership is requesting that homelessness become a priority for Smart Start Dual Subsidy Program. After some discussion, Ann assured the Board that this prioritization would not affect anyone currently receiving subsidy.

Jeanne Dixon made the motion that homelessness be added as a priority to SS subsidy.

2nd: Hilary Smith

After some discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Head Start Monthly Report

Katie Boudet shared and discussed the Head Start Program Report for the month of December 2016. She reported Head Start has full enrollment and no staff openings. 28 of the 170 enrolled children have been diagnosed with special needs.

Development Committee Report

Ginny Amendum reported the Development Committee has regular meetings with the objective of raising money and increasing community awareness and branding. Some tools are being developed and will be presented at February's Board meeting. The Committee is working on a stewardship plan/process recommendations that will also be presented at the February meeting. The 2016 Annual Board Luncheon was an "ask" event for the first time and a donor list has been developed.

Ann reported that the Parkas and Pints event held on Saturday, January 20, 2017 raised \$550 and 36 coats were donated.

Discussion centered around the importance of raising private funds to address needs that can't be met because of Smart Start restrictions and/or lack of funding. Many partnerships throughout the state have had great success raising private donations.

Steve Morris interviewed Ann for an "Out and About" segment on Channel 22. Board members were asked to share the 7-8 minute video clip with friends on social media.

Robbie Furr encouraged everyone to make their contributions as the new year has begun. Steve Morris requested that Ann send a letter seeking contributions. Donations may also be made online via www.cabarruspartnership.org

Head Start – Renewal Application April 1, 2017

Robbie Furr stated the Executive Committee met on January 10, 2017 and recommends the Partnership not apply for the renewal of the Head Start grant for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The renewal application is due on April 1, 2017.

Ann has discussed with Lisa Goldman, Regional IV Specialist for Head Start, and has been assured that someone will be appointed to continue running Head Start and that services will not be interrupted.

Cabarrus County Schools has sent a letter to the Partnership requesting that the Partnership relinquish the grant so that they can have the opportunity to bid on the funding. A copy of the letter dated December 15, 2016 and received from Barry Shoemaker, Chair, Cabarrus County Schools Board of Education, on January 16, 2017 is included in handouts.

Robbie noted the Partnership's responsibilities will end on June 30, 2017, with the exception of some final reporting. The Partnership will not be involved in process to award subsequent grantee. The modular unit will revert to the federal government. The Partnership awaits a letter from Cabarrus County Schools regarding the two buses that were sold to them last year.

Ann recognized Jeanne Dixon for her commitment and service on the Policy Council for Head Start.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ann will draft a letter to Region IV Head Start Director for Robbie's signature this week.

Executive Director Report

Ann Benfield provided written information about the highlights of her activities from November and December 2016 and January 2017 and what is coming up in February. She is also working on an emergency homelessness project with the faith community.

Board Report

Robbie encouraged the Board to consider attending the Smart Start Conference in May in Greensboro. Registration opens today. Some sessions are geared specifically for board members.

Maureen O' Bryan reminded everyone of the upcoming Coming Together for Children conference on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at Crossroads United Methodist Church. 16 workshops are planned and vendor and agency booths are available.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at the Partnership's office. The March meeting will be held on March 14 so that the Annual Plan may be developed.

Jeanne Dixon made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

2nd: Yolanda Simms

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Stephanie Bynum