

## **NC Pre-Kindergarten/ Early Education Committee**

**Wednesday November 16, 2016**

**10am**

The NC Pre-Kindergarten/ Early Education Committee met on Wednesday November 16, 2016 in the Auditorium at Department of Human Services. Ann Benfield led the meeting that was attended by Danielle Mauldin, Kimberly Hutchins, Debra Pless, Dee Almond, Skylia Soloman, Annie Parker, Jason Irving, Quwanya Thompson, Ashley Reid, Elizabeth Albright and Jamie Clark.

*Committee Members not present:* Lora Lipe, Maureen O'Bryan, Kimberly Hutchins, Jennifer Baucom, Katherine Boudet, Linda Roberts, Trina Wenzel, Teresa Aldridge, Tanisha Jones, Deborah Beatty, Lashonda Houston, Sue Aschbrenner, and Debbie Johnson

### **Welcome and Quorum**

Ann Benfield welcomed everyone to the meeting. A voting quorum was not available among non-conflicted members. So the committee will vote on minutes from September 21, 2016 at our next meeting.

### **Action Items: postponed until 1-18-17**

**Local Guidelines-** Elizabeth led discussion on revisions need for the Local Guidelines that will need to be voted on at a future meeting. The committee agreed at last minute that they would wait on the state to release Transitions recommendations. Elizabeth note the local guidelines does not have provision for the process of creating an action plan for a site. She asked the committee to consider how they would like to amend the local guidelines to reflect a local process. Several options were mentioned, the committee will have a full discussion at a future meeting.

### **Information/Updates**

#### **PORCh (Ann)**

Ann informed the committee that PORCh is on hold right now until she can get departments on board. She will meet with county employees and with the County IT department to discuss ways to make this system work better for the programs in the county.

#### **Head Start (Ann)**

Ann reported that CCS Head Start is full and they are having the Region 4 specialist visit this morning.

#### **Smart Start (Jamie)**

Jamie shared staff is currently updating applications on the wait list. So far we have been able to serve 6 new families. Several on the wait list were no longer were eligible. Staff will also meet with families on the call list to apply in hopes of serving several of those families as well.

**NC Pre-K Update (Elizabeth)**

NC Pre-K applications are wrapping up at the Partnership. Applications for the 16-17 wait list will be taken until the first week of December at the Partnership. After that, all intake will stop in January to prepare for applications to resume in February for the next school year.

**DHS Subsidy (Lora)**

Lora was not able to attend- but she sent a report to be given out.

**Family Support (Elizabeth)**

Elizabeth thanked Quwanya Thompson for helping with referrals. She also shared the Coat Drive has begun, and that has already been great community support. In January, the Partnership will host a Coat Drive event at Cabarrus Brewing Company. There will be more information soon.

**Community Updates**

Thompson CFF has been working on referrals from NC Pre-K and Head Start.

Ann invited the committee to the Annual Board luncheon on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 12pm at All Saints. Please RSVP with Lissy or Ann.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32am.

**Next Meeting: January 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am at DHS.**