

**CABARRUS COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
Tuesday, February 28, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children met on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church in the Community Room and via requested Zoom link, which was advertised on our website and in our newsletter. District Church Judge Beth Street presided over the meeting.

**These board members were present:**

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| 1. Judge Beth Street   | Attorney/Government                                       |
| 2. Carla Brown         | Government                                                |
| 3. Gil Small           | Community/Faith Community                                 |
| 4. Dr. Rosolena Conroy | Community/Pediatrician/Therapist (participated virtually) |
| 5. Marcella Beam       | CHA/Community/Services (participated virtually)           |
| 6. Pam Smith           | CCM/Community/Services                                    |
| 7. Waynett Taylor      | Services                                                  |
| 8. Steve Morris        | County Commissioner/Government                            |
| 9. Lashay Avery        | Partners/Community/Services (participated virtually)      |
| 10. Patrick Graham     | CFEA/Community/Services (participated virtually)          |
| 11. Karen Calhoun      | DHS/Government                                            |
| 12. Amos McClorey      | Services/NAACP                                            |

**These board members were absent:**

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| 1. Danielle Mauldin | Owner of Kids Korner/Services |
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**A quorum was present.**

**These staff members were present:** Ann Benfield, Patricia Sehorn, Ariel Ayers, and Lauren Westin

**Welcome:**

Beth Street welcomed board members and thanked them for attending the board meeting.

**Approval of Agenda:**

The Board reviewed the agenda for today's meeting.

Steve Morris made a motion to approve the agenda.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Amos McClorey

All were in favor.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

The board reviewed the consent agenda documents that were emailed to members prior to the meeting, including: Minutes of October 25, 2022 & December 6, 2022 Board Meeting, February 2023 ED Report, FY22-23 SS Expenditures, FY22-23 NCPK Expenditures, and FY22-23 Other Funds Report, and FY22-23 SUN Budget.

Steve Morris made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented

2<sup>nd</sup>: Pam Smith

All were in favor.

**FY22-23 Smart Start Reallocation:**

Ariel Ayers presented the Smart Start Reallocation based on actual spending this fiscal year and requests from Direct Service Providers, FY21-22 Carryforward, FY22-23 requested Subsidy funding. The following changes were reviewed and approved:

Subsidy – requested additional subsidy funds from Smart Start.

Pam Smith moved to approve allocating an additional \$60,000 in Subsidy funding.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Gil Small.

All were in favor. Amos McClorey, Steve Morris, Karen Calhoun, Carla Brown, and Waynett Taylor abstained.

NC Pre-K Program – change in number of TANF/Non-TANF children

Karen Calhoun moved to approved removing \$11,020 in funding from this program.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Waynett Taylor.

All were in favor. Steve Morris abstained.

NC Pre-K Non TANF – change in number of TANF/Non-TANF Children

Karen Calhoun moved to allocate an additional \$9,975 in funding to this program.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Waynett Taylor.

All were in favor. Steve Morris abstained.

Child Care Health Consultants – PTO cash outs/Atriun RN Bonuses

Steve Morris moved to allocate an additional \$2,628 in funding to this program.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Karen Calhoun.

All were in Favor. Amos McClorey and Waynett Taylor abstained.

Inclusive Child Care – DSP updated budget projections

Steve Morris moved to allocate an additional \$20,458 in funding to this program.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Pam Smith.

All were in favor. Amos McClorey and Waynett Taylor abstained.

Emergency Dental – Identified more children in need of emergency dental care.

Gil Small moved to allocate an additional \$9,415 in funding to this program.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Pam Smith.

All were in favor. Steve Morris and Marcella Beam abstained.

Family Education and Outreach – DSP updated budget projections

Steve Morris moved to allocate an additional \$11,826 in funding to this program.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Amos McClorey.

All were in favor. Waynett Taylor abstained.

Parents As Teachers – DSP updated budget projections

Steve Morris moved to allocate an additional \$11,826 in funding to this program.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Amos McClorey.

All were in favor. Waynett Taylor abstained.

Reach Out and Read – purchasing fewer books due to program ending.

Karen Calhoun moved to remove \$3,500 from their allocation.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Amos McClorey.

All were in favor. Steve Morris and Marcella Beam abstained.

Ariel stated that one more reallocation will occur in May for this fiscal year to reconcile all program funding.

**Program Oversight – Program Approval for FY23-24:**

Lauren Westin presented the following information to the board:

- Proposals for programming were submitted in December and reviewed by the program oversight committee in January.
- Endless Opportunities did not submit any proposals to continue their family programs past this fiscal year due to a self-report of restructuring as an organization; this lack of proposals left a huge gap in Family Programming for the Partnership next year which needed to be filled. After further discussion with Endless Opportunities and review of outputs, program oversight decided to rebid Parents as Teachers Only for FY 23-25 and hopefully Endless Opportunities will apply.
- Inclusive Child Care will be continued under a new Direct Service Provider.
- Reach Out and Read is no longer fundable with Smart Start funds due to changes in model fidelity with the National Reach Out and Read aligning with Smart Start Procedures and legislative mandates. There is no other early literacy program on the horizon right now, however because there is a cap on enrollments for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, the committee decided to approve a separate program for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library for FY 23-25 that could be funded by some of our Smart Start funding that was previously spent on Reach Out and Read until additional legislative funding is approved or another Early Literacy program is identified.
- A new RFP was released in February for Parents As Teachers, and Social/Emotional Interventions for Young Children provided at the child’s home or preschool, offering mental health assessments, interventions, and therapy for children ages birth to 5 years of age, not yet in Kindergarten, and their parents who need help with their child’s social, emotional, or developmental challenges, to fill the needs in our family programming. Those proposals are due on March 7<sup>th</sup> and will be reviewed by the program oversight committee next month.

-The following activities were voted on and approved by the Program Oversight Committee and come as recommendations to the Board for approval for Fiscal Year 2023-2024:

Program Oversight Recommendations for FY23-24 Programming								
Activity	FY22-23 Ranking	FY23-24 Ranking	Motion	2nd	Program Oversight Approval 1/10/23	Board Approved Recommendation 2/28/23	Comments	Conflicted Members, Abstained from Voting
<b>SUBSIDY</b>								
Subsidy	MANDATORY	MANDATORY	Christy Hopkins	Pam Smith	All In Favor	All In Favor		AM/DM/SM/KC
NC Pre-K Program	MANDATORY	MANDATORY	Gale Coor	Pam Smith	All In Favor	All In Favor		SM
<b>ADDITIONAL CHILD CARE RELATED</b>								
Subsidy Administration	MANDATORY	MANDATORY	Gale Coor	Pam Smith	All In Favor	All In Favor		KC/SM
NC Pre-K Non TANF	MANDATORY	MANDATORY	Gale Coor	Pam Smith	All In Favor	All In Favor		
NC Pre-K TANF	MANDATORY	MANDATORY	Gale Coor	Pam Smith	All In Favor	All In Favor		

Child Care Health Consultants	1		Pam Smith	Gale Coor	All In Favor	All In Favor		AM/DM/WT
Early Education Liaison	2		Pam Smith	Gale Coor	All In Favor	All In Favor		AM/DM/WT/SM
Inclusive Child Care	3		Christy Hopkins	Gale Coor	All In Favor	All In Favor	Application from new DSP - same provider, new organization	AM/DM/WT
WAGES	4		Gale Coor	Pam Smith	All In Favor	All In Favor		AM/DM/WT
<b>FAMILY, HEALTH and OTHER PROGRAMS</b>								
ABC	4						No Application Submitted	
ABCD	1		Gale Coor	Pam Smith	All In Favor	All In Favor		SM/MB
Emergency Dental	7		Danielle Mauldin	Gale Coor	All In Favor	All In Favor		SM/MB
Family Education & Outreach	3						No Application Submitted	
Parents as Teachers	5						No Application Submitted	
Program Management/Evaluation	MANDATORY	MANDATORY	Christy Hopkins	Pam Smith	All In Favor	All In Favor		
Public Education & Outreach	MANDATORY	MANDATORY	Christy Hopkins	Pam Smith	All In Favor	All In Favor		
Reach Out and Read	6	N/A					NCPC No Longer Supports Funding this program	SM/MB
SUN Project	2		Christy Hopkins	Pam Smith	All In Favor	All In Favor		SM/MB

**Connect to Purpose: Update on SUN Project funding, Request for Child Care Pilot & Update Development:**

Ann Benfield reported that the SUN Project has been awarded an additional one million dollars of Federal funding to be spent by June 30, 2023. With this additional funding the Partnership and Suda Institute are in hopes that they can spin off into their own non-profit and accept the funds directly instead of filtering SUN funding through the Partnership going forward.

Ann Benfield also reported that she had met with a group, including a representative from Eli Lilly, Red Bull, Rodney Harris from the County, Waynett Taylor, Page Castrodale for Economic Development to discuss Child Care need in Cabarrus County. We are also expanding the discussion to include Atrium Health, Hendrick's, and West Rock. They are trying to form some type of collaborative or consortium to create more child care sites and slots in the county to serve the new and current employees of large corporations. Eli Lilly is willing to build their own child care center working with other in the community on their property.

Finally, Ann Benfield recapped the fundraising that happened during the month of December. \$645.72 was received from the Cabarrus Brewing Company Mission Monday Coat Drive and Round Up and the Voices for Children doubled its funding from any prior year, totaling \$8,300. Board representatives suggest that we make it easier for people to donate by looking into Cashapp or Venmo for future use. Local Partnership Staff said that they would research other options.

**Support the Partnership – Contribution Reminder:**

Beth Street encouraged board members to donate to the Partnership if they have not already this calendar year. Steve asked Ann and Ariel if they could pull who has donated so far this year and let them know if they have or have not made a contribution. Ann and Ariel said that they would pull that information for everyone on the board.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

With no further business, and no objections, Steve Morris moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Amos McClorey

All were in favor.

**Next Meetings:**

Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. – All Saints Episcopal Church – Community Room

Executive Committee: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Westin