

**CABARRUS COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
Tuesday, August 24, 2021**

The Board of Directors of the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children met on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 12:00 noon via Zoom meeting and in-person, which was advertised on our website and in our newsletter. Ms. Jeanne Dixon presided over the meeting.

These board members were present:

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| 1. Karen Calhoun | DHS/Government |
| 2. Danielle Mauldin | Services |
| 3. Beth Street | Attorney/Government |
| 4. Dr. Rosolena Conroy | Community/Pediatrician/Counselor |
| 5. Jeanne Dixon | Community Advocate |
| 6. Carla Brown | Government |
| 7. Joseph Houston | Duke Energy/Business |
| 8. Gil Small | Community/Faith Community |

These board members were absent:

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| 1. Rachel Brazil | Services/Clinician |
| 2. Jackie Whitfield | Community/Faith Community/Advocate |
| 3. Amos McClorey | Services/NAACP |
| 4. Steve Morris | County Commissioner/Government/Business Owner |
| 5. Waynett Taylor | Services |

A quorum was present after the Partners Presentation.

These staff members and guests were present: Ann Benfield, Ariel Ayers, and Lauren Westin; Tara Conrad, Carrie McDonald, and Allison Crotty from Partners MCO.

Welcome:

Jeanne Dixon welcomed board members and guests and thanked everyone for attending. Since a quorum was not present at the beginning of the meeting, Jeanne postponed the first two agenda items until later in the meeting and moved forward with presenting the representatives from Partners MCO.

Partners Presentation:

The powerpoint presentation was provided by Partners and shared with Board Members after the meeting. Tara Conrad, Carrie McDonald and Allison Crotty presented the Updates Impacting NC Public System of Managed Behavioral Health Care, including Realignment to Partners from Cardinal Innovations on September 1st, Cardinal/Vaya Consolidation, and Medicaid Transformation.

Community Engagement – to grow and support the network of community stakeholders at all levels through outreach, education and collaboration

Member Engagement – Close collaboration with members, families and advocacy committess and groups.

Services Overview –

- NC Innovations Waiver (birth and up) – Registry of Unmet Needs – get added to the registry as soon as you get diagnosed.
- Medicaid (b)(3) Services (age 3-21)
- Research Based – Behavioral Health Treatment (RB-RBT) (age 3-21)
- High Fidelity Wrap Around (age 3-20)
- Outpatient Counseling and Therapy
- Intensive In Home (age 3-21)
- Medication Management
- Crisis, Residential and Inpatient

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Following the presentation Jeanne Dixon asked Partners Representatives how they planned to ensure a smooth transition from Cardinal to Partners?

The representatives responded that they have been working for months to transfer all information, and plan to honor any existing authorizations for services and service relationships with Providers. They have also been working to secure contracts with all of those providers so there will be no interruption in services.

Jeanne Dixon thanked Tara, Carrie and Allison for joining us.

Now that a quorum is present:

Approval of Agenda:

The Board reviewed the agenda for today's meeting.

Karen Calhoun made a motion to approve the agenda as is.

2nd: Beth Street

All were in favor.

Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda items were emailed to board members prior to the meeting, including: Minutes of June 22, 2021 Board Meeting, August 2021 ED Report, FY 21-22 SS Expenditures, FY21-22 NCPK Expenditures, FY21-22 Other Funds Report, and FY20-21 Final Reversion Total.

Joseph Houston made a motion to approve the consent agenda as listed.

2nd: Beth Street

All were in favor.

Executive/Governance/Development Committee Reports:

Ann Benfield reported that none of the committees met in July/August and all plan to meet in the month of September.

Program Oversight Committee Report:

Lauren Westin reported the Program Oversight Committee met last week to review Q4 results for FY20-21. She noted that we continue to see some lasting effects of COVID-19, and may see more in the coming months. She noted that the contracted evaluator, Beth Gilbert, and herself have been holding program planning meetings to prepare for the new year.

Lauren Westin also reported the committee reviewed a request from the Breastfeeding Peer Support program to change the incentives they provide from what they sent in their proposal. The committee decided to deny this request as there was not a good way to monitor and ensure the new incentives were being used in a way that supports breastfeeding mothers.

Anne Laukaitis Champion for Children Award:

Ann Benfield presented this award has been given for the last 11 years to someone who has truly made a difference in the lives of children in our community. The award is typically presented at our annual Voices for Children Luncheon. She presented that the Partnership will be accepting nominations through October 15th and then the board will review the nomination forms and choose a winner at the October board meeting.

Update on Staffing:

Ann Benfield presented that the Partnership lost a staff member, Lyne Goode, last month, do to personal reasons, and she is in the process of upgrading her position for NC Pre-K and hiring someone with more education to assist with the program.

Voices for Children Luncheon:

Ann Benfield presented she has concerns about holding the annual luncheon again this year due to rising COVID-19 cases and plans to discuss with the Development Committee next month on how we should proceed with this event.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business, Jeanne Dixon thanked everyone for their time and attendance today.

Joseph Houston moved to adjourn the meeting.

All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Next Meetings:

Executive Committee: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom

Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom or in-person at the Partnership Office

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Westin