

**CABARRUS PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016**

The Board of Directors of the Cabarrus Partnership for Children met on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 12:00 a.m. at the Partnership office. Board Chair Robbie 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. Rose Staples Deese      | Community/Business/Attorney               |
| 5. Jeanne Dixon            | Community/Business                        |
| 6. Robert Furr             | Government                                |
| 7. Steve Morris            | Government                                |
| 8. Denisha Torrence-Nesbit | Government                                |

**Quorum was established**

**These board members were absent:**

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| 1. Cecelia Graves  | Head Start Parent/Policy Council Chair  |
| 2. Amos McClorey   | Services                                |
| 3. Maureen O'Bryan | Services/Early Childhood Representative |
| 4. Yolanda Simms   | Community/Business                      |
| 5. Hilary Smith    | Services                                |

**These staff members and guests were present:** Stephanie Bynum, Ann Benfield, Mary Beth Gilbert, Meredith King Ledford, Lauren Thomas, Dr. Elizabeth Racine

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

Katie Boudet was introduced as the new Head Start Director and then everyone introduced themselves.

Dr. Beth Racine of UNC-Charlotte and Meredith Ledford gave an overview of the Building Healthy Lifestyles in All Directions program, including research findings. Board members asked questions and expressed appreciation for the work the program is doing to address childhood obesity in the county.

Lauren Thomas from Cabarrus Health Alliance presented information from the 2016 Cabarrus County Needs Assessment. The top 3 identified needs were: 1) Substance Abuse; 2) Mental Health; and 3) Obesity. CHA will be involved with action planning around these three issues with our community and Ann Benfield will be serving on the Healthy Cabarrus Advisory Committee for the next three years.. She also shared that housing ranked a close 4<sup>th</sup> on the list.

**Action Item:**

**Minutes of August 30, 2016 Meeting**

Steve Morris noted that he was in attendance at the August meeting.

Motion: Rob Betler moved to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2016 board meeting with the change reflecting the attendance of Steve Morris.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeanne Dixon

All were in favor.

**Approval of 990 Tax Form for 2015 and Financial Audit Report**

Ann Benfield shared that the 990 Tax Form was prepared by an independent CPA and reviewed by staff. Board members were sent the 990 with all Schedules for review via email prior to meeting. Copies were also available at the meeting. Ann noted the only changes were the addition of Head Start and that Schedule 3 was redone per the auditor's request.

Motion: Steve Morris made the motion to approve the 990 Tax Form as presented.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ginny Amemdum

All were in favor

Ann Benfield stated the auditors were on site to complete the 2015 audit September 20-21, 2016 and everything went well. We should have the audit report in the coming month.

### **Executive and Development Committee's Recommendations for Strategic Plan**

Ann Benfield and Stephanie Bynum shared both the Executive Committee and Development Committee had reviewed the Strategic Plan for 2015 - 2020. The recommendations of both committees were reflected in the document provided. Ginny Amendum, Chair of the Development Committee, shared the committee wanted dates to reflect a more reasonable time frame for completion of tasks. Rose Staples Deese noted that the dates for the definition of the Ambassador Council should have a February 2017 time frame/completion date and that selection of members for the Ambassador Council should have the December 2017 time frame. The board would like to incorporate recommended changes and receive "clean" copy at next meeting.

Rose Staples Deese made the motion to approve the Strategic Plan with stated date changes and incorporated changes as recommended by the Executive and Development Committees.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Denisha Torrence-Nesbitt

All were in favor.

### **Information Only:**

#### **Training on the Release of New HS Performance Standards**

Ann Benfield shared a Q & A about the New HS Performance Standards. She stated the HS staff are reviewing the changes and participating in webinars to learn more about the changes.

The greatest change in the new HS Performance Standards is related to the extenuation of the day. Due to NC licensing requirements, we are already meeting the new requirements. Additional standards will be rolled out incrementally, and our program is waiting on training from our Regional Specialist. The training has been rescheduled by regional, and will probably take place in January.

#### **Head Start Board Report & Head Start Award Letter**

Katied Boudet shared and discussed the Head Start Board Report for the month of September 2016. The roster of Policy Council members was also provided.

#### **Anne Laukaitis Champion for Children Award**

Ann Benfield reminded the board the deadline for nominations is September 30, 2016 and the award will again be presented at our Annual Board Luncheon in December. At this time, no nominations have been received.

#### **Executive Director Report**

Ann Benfield provided written information about the highlights of her activities from September 2016 and what is coming up in October. The Partnership is currently having discussions with community partners about events focusing on homelessness and Racial Equity. Ann Benfield also stated the financial reports for all programs were also available for their review. She stated the Other Fund Report now highlights the Percentage of Board Members that have contributed to the Partnership. This was at the recommendation of the newly formed Development Committee. Currently 8% of board members have contributed for FY 2016-2017.

#### **Board Report**

Robbie encouraged all board members to consider a donation for the FY16-17 year so that we may reach 100% participation.

Robbie thanked everyone for coming and reminded them the next meeting will be October 25, 2016 at noon at the Partnership Office. The Annual Luncheon will be on December 6<sup>th</sup> at All Saints Episcopal Church and there will be no board meeting in November.

Motion: Jeanne Dixon moved the meeting be adjourned.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Denisha Torrence-Nesbitt

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Stephanie Bynum