

## NC Pre-Kindergarten/Early Education Committee

Wednesday December 18, 2019

10:06 am

The NC Pre-Kindergarten/Early Education Committee met on December 18, 2019

**Committee Members Present:** Lora Lipe, Samelia Jones, Jennifer Baucom, Daniel Mauldin, Debra Pless, Susan Rebich

**Staff Members Present:** Patricia Sehorn, Lyne Goode

**Guest Present:** Valerie Belk, Kimberly Hutchins, Jessica Helms, Spencer Swain, Lashonda Houston

Ann Benfield opened the meeting and asked everyone to go around and introduce themselves.

### Action Items

**Minutes** – Ann presented the minutes from the November 20, 2019, meeting. Samelia moved to accept the minutes and Lora second the motion, all were in favor.

**Appointment Site Selection committee** – The members unanimously voted to approve Waynette Taylor, Sue Ribich, and Samelia Jones to serve as our Site Selection Committee. Lashonda motioned to approve, Lora second the motion.

**Site Selection Conflict of Interest document-** The committee unanimously approved this document.

### Information Only

The Coming Together for Children Conference will be held on **February 29, 2020**. If you are interested in doing a workshop, please contact Patricia.

We have completed the creation of our new NC –Pre-K application.

### **NC Pre-K Update**

Patricia handed out and reviewed documents titled NC Pre-K Site Selection Roles and Responsibilities, NC Pre-K Site Selection Decision Tree, NC Pre-K Site Selection Timeline, and Instructions for Using the NC Pre-K Site Selection Rubric

Patricia asked that everyone send ideas for sites to earn the eight extra bonus points. She will compile them for discussion during the next meeting. Answer the question...What do you do in your program that sets it apart from the others

Ann asked us all to think about our geographical need for child placement, and how do we determine where they are located?

**Other Agency Reports** Ann reported that The Smart Start Programs are in the middle of their two year cycle. The only new program that has been added is the SUN (Substance Use Network Project) to assist moms and their babies who are addicted.

Lyne reported that the Smart Start Scholarship Program had no changes in enrollment from last month. However, we are looking to turn the entire program over to DHS next year so that they can serve the needs of teen moms as a priority.

The Coat Drive is up and running, with great success. Please send needs to Lyne

Lora reported that the DHS is collecting provider contracts

They have hired a new child care case worker

The agency is working the over and under back payment log

Please encourage your families to complete and turn in their recert packets

Their wait list has 667 children, 446 families

### **Family Update**

Lashonda reported that the fifth annual Christmas Boutique was a huge success. Thanks to McGill Church, and Rouche Racing, many young moms and their children are having a very happy holiday

Sue Ribich reminded everyone that the UNCC has many scholarship programs for teachers, and to please take advantage of them

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am in the auditorium at DHS.