

NC Pre-Kindergarten/Early Education Committee

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

10:05 am

The NC Pre-Kindergarten/Early Education Committee met on Wednesday April 17, 2019.

Committee Members Present: Ann Benfield, LaShonda Houston, Samelia Jones, Deborah Beatty, Lora Lipe, Waynett Taylor, Mark Eberhardt, Samelia Jones, Jennifer Baucom and Annie Parker

Staff Members Present: Patricia Sehorn, Ariel Ayers and Jamie Clark

Guest Present: *Aurora Swain, Teresa Aldridge and Dr. Wendy Barnhart*

Ann Benfield opened the meeting and asked everyone to go around and introduce themselves. Wynett Taylor introduced her Dean, Dr. Wendy Barnhart to the committee and thanked her for her continued support.

Action Items

Minutes – Ann presented the minutes for the April 17, 2019 meeting, Samelia moved to accept the minutes and LaShonda second the motion, all were in favor.

Corrections

- Change in Lora Report for DHS, lump sum funds to Title 4E Funds.

Lashonda Houston moved to accept the documents above with corrections and Waynett Taylor second and all were in favor.

Selection/Approval of Contracting Agency –Lashonda Houston made a motion to approve the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children as the Contracting agency and Lora Lipe second the motion, all were in favor.

Adopt Conflict of Interest Policy- Patricia Sehorn passed out the conflict of interest policy for approval. Waynett Taylor made a motion to approve this conflict of Interest Policy to use for the NC Pre-K/Early Ed committee and Mark Eberhardt second the motion, all were in favor. Patricia passed out this form and asked everyone to sign and give back to her.

2019-2020 Meeting Schedule- Patricia shared that the committee needed to approve the 3rd Wednesday of the month for the schedule to continue for the NC Pre-K/Early Ed committee. Mark Eberhardt made a motion to keep the same schedule and Wynett Taylor second the motion, all were in favor.

Assurances and Requirements/Section 1 Signatures- Patricia Sehorn passed out the Assurances and Requirements for everyone to read over. Once everyone had looked over, Patricia asked everyone to sign the Section 1 if their name was on the form.

2019-2020 Contract and Budget Review- Ariel Ayers passed out the budget, she explained that she is expecting the contracts by June 3rd. Once that is in place, then contracts will be created for sites. Waynett Taylor made a motion to approve the budget and Lora Lipe second the motion, all were in favor.

Assessment Request for CCS- Teresa Aldridge came to make a request of the committee that they allow the Mary Frances Wall Center location to use the Core Advantage with High Scopes instead of the Teaching Strategies Gold. Teresa explained that this system would meet the NC Pre-K requirements but it would also help track all of the EC documentation for this site. Since this site serves NC Pre-K, EC and tuition children, the site was trying to find something that would reduce the duplication of work for the staff. Samelia Jones made a motion to approve the Mary Frances Wall location to use this new system and Lora Lipe second the motion, all were in favor.

Information Only

School's Out Bash- Ann Benfield shared that the School's Out Bash will be on Saturday, June 8th from 10am to 2pm at Hilbish Ford. There will be lots of family friendly activities and resources and all of the proceeds will benefit the Cabarrus Partnership for Children. The flyer will be emailed out to committee after the meeting.

Application and Outreach- Jamie Clark shared Lyne is out this week. Since the last meeting there have been 52 application appointments. 35 completed applications have been turned in. 4 families were no shows to their appointments, 3 called to canceled and 4 came without the required documentation. 6 of those appointments were over income and did not qualify for the program. Jamie also reported on the number of applications coded based on the site with the closest mileage to the child's application.

- Cabarrus Bilingual -21 applications
- Carl Furr Elementary -22 applications
- Irvin Elementary – 13 applications
- Kids Korner CDC- 23 applications
- Little Learners CDC- 21 applications
- Lockhart Early Learning CDC- 6 applications
- Logan CDC- 29 applications
- Rocky River Elementary – 26 applications
- Sunshine House CDC-24 applications
- Mary Frances Wall- 17 applications
- Winecoff Elementary – 18 applications
- Woodrow Wilson Elementary – 12 applications

Site Updates- Patricia shared that several sites have been going through their rated license assessment process. We have 2 sites that have scored lower than a 5 on the ECERS-R and are now on a corrective action plan. The sites will have new assessments at the beginning of the school year and are expected to receive to receive higher scores at that time.

Smart Start Programs- Ann shared that programs are approved in the plan, they are currently waiting for allocations and contracts. Ann also stated that Cabarrus Partnership for Children is currently advertising for new programs, those forms are due by May 28th.

Smart Start Scholarship Program- Jamie shared that the staff is currently working with the current list of families served under the Smart Start scholarship child care subsidy program to get them transferred to DHS. Right now families have until June 7th to submit their required documentation and all of that will be given to Lora on Monday, June 9th. Ann added that she is currently working with DHS to create the MOU and work through the HUB process for the families that Smart Start serve.

DHS Subsidy- Lora reported on the waiting list numbers, as of right now there are 403 children on the list, this includes 251 families. Lora also reminded centers to make sure they are looking at the email NC FAST sent out about the #33 and #34 forms. Both forms are due now to continue receiving payment. Ann requested a copy of the email so she could send out to all of her contacts and explain to them the importance of getting this form turned in to avoid missing payments.

Family Update: Lashonda Houston shared her referral process, and explained if you send her a referral she will give you an update on the status of those clients. She also gave an update that there is a reduction to the numbers for Joy in July, so Lashonda will update the committee if there is a need for donations to ensure they serve their target population.

Other Agency Reports: Annie Parker shared that tomorrow there will be meeting in regards to developing and discussing Early Childhood partnerships in the community. The meeting will be at the Board of Education of building tomorrow at 11am.

Ann thanked RCCC and Steve Morris with the GEM theater for their sponsorship of tonight's event. Tonight at 6:30, there will be a resilience video shown at The Gem Theater. It will allow 2 credit hours toward child care training, and there will be a discussion after the video. The first 100 people will receive free popcorn and drinks.

With no other agency reports the meeting was adjourned at 11:04

Next NCPK Early Education Meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 10am

DHS Conference Room-*across from where we normally meet*