

NC Pre-Kindergarten/Early Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday April 21, 2021

10:00 am

The NC Pre-Kindergarten/Early Education Committee met on April 21, 2021 at 10:04 am.

Committee Members Present: Samelia Jones, Debra Pless, Trina Wenzel, Elizabeth Heston, Jennifer Baucom, Lashonda Houston, Danielle Mauldin, Ann Benfield, Deborah Beatty

Staff Members Present: Patricia Sehorn, Lyne Goode, Melissa Jones

Guests Present: Patricia Sease, Christopher Felder, Jessica Helms, Kimberly Hutchins

Action Items

Minutes- Ann presented the minutes from the March 17, 2020 meeting, and asked everyone to look at them, and for someone to make a motion to accept them with 2 minor name corrections. Samelia moved to accept the minutes, Lashonda second the motion, all were in favor.

NC Pre-K Update

Application Process 2021-2022-

Trisha shared that our application website has received 127 applications to date

64 are complete, 13 over income, 50 incomplete

Approximately 150 all together

3 or 4 are for Cabarrus Head Start

She asked everyone to remind parents to fill out the NC Pre-K application completely, and submit all required documents, or the application will be placed in the incomplete file.

Monitoring-

Trish shared that the whole monitoring process has been a very stressful process. The majority of sites are on Action Plans, because of the inconsistency the Covid virus presented them with. Trisha would like to recommend to the board that they not require sites with action plans to reapply for NC Pre-K slots as they have done in the past.

Outreach Plans- Lyne shared that she is doing community outreach 1 day per week and she encourages all of the sites that benefit from the NC Pre-K services to do their own outreach in their area.

DHS Subsidy-

Elizabeth Heston reported that their current waitlist has 460 children, and 305 families on it.

Providers need to submit their NC Fast rosters as soon as possible.

Due to the hardships with the US Postal service, they will offer a 20 day grace period to receive payments from families.

RCCC: Nicole Sessoms shared that they have 92 students enrolled for the Spring semester.

If you need to reach Nicole.sessoms@rccc.edu 704-216-3526 or Waynette.taylor@rccc.edu 336-588-7833

CCS Summer Programs:

Trina shared that they have received 150 applications for their summer program. 34 of them do not qualify because they do not live in title one districts.

Kannapolis Head Start:

Jennifer shared that they will be conducting DIAL assessments on 4-23, 4-30-5-7, and 5-14. Along with those assessments, they will have tents set up to take Pre-K applications. She has ordered touch cards to hand out in the community to advertise, and some of her parent representatives have been speaking at churches.

Cabarrus Head start-

Chris Felder shared that their Early Head Start Expansion will begin serving children at the end of May, with 112 spots available. Ann asked if they would consider the pregnant moms that are enrolled in The Sun Project.

Their disaster relief funding can help pay for supplies for parents and teachers. Contact him with any needs. Ann requested help with providing gloves for the daycare classrooms.

Family Services:

Lashonda wanted to remind everyone that they offer NC Pre-K support services, and they will continue to send families to places where they can receive assistance. She shared that her parent groups have begun to meet in person, and is excited about the number of them who showed up.

Parents as Teachers is doing a wellness event on Monday, April 26, 2021 from 3:15 to 4:15 in the parking lot of Head start on Kerr street. The Cabarrus Partnership for Children will be there to answer questions about the NC Pre-K Program, and Kristen Wing will represent WellCare.

Lashonda also shared that she has implemented the ABC Program that supports adversity and nurturing in children 6 to 24 months old.

Child Care Resources-

Somilia reported that they are still doing training virtually.

Partnership Nurses update-

Debra shared that they have seen quite a few Covid positive cases in teachers, and are still promoting the vaccine. Debra confirmed with Trina that any parent needing speech and hearing evaluations should contact The Mary Frances Wall Center.

**The next NC Pre-K /Early Education Meeting will be held on
Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 10 am through Zoom**