

NC Pre-Kindergarten/Early Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday March 17, 2021

10:00 am

The NC Pre-Kindergarten/Early Education Committee met on March 17, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Committee Members Present: Samelia Jones, Debra Pless, Nicole Sessoms, Trina Wenzel, Elizabeth Heston, Teresa Aldridge, Jennifer Baucom, Deborah Beatty,

Staff Members Present: Patricia Sehorn, Lyne Goode, Kelly Huff, Melissa Jones, Spencer Swain

Guests Present: Melissa Jones, Spencer Swain, Kelly Huff

Action Items

Minutes- Ann presented the minutes from the February, 2020 meeting, and asked everyone to look at them, and for someone to make a motion to accept them. Samelia moved to accept the minutes, Debra second the motion, all were in favor.

NC Pre-K Update

Enrollment Update-

Current enrollment is as follows:

CCS: 122-out of 123

Private: 122 out of 132

Head Start: 56 out of 75

North Kannapolis: 20 out of 31

Monitoring Updates-

Trisha shared that this process has been very difficult, and very time consuming. She has completed 5 private sites, and 3 public sites.

Jennifer asked if they were allowed to place virtual children who want to come back in person in a different teachers' classroom. Trish said yes, as long as there was room.

Trina asked if there has been any discussion about virtual learning next year. She shared that it was not the best thing for young children, or the teachers. Trisha and Ann agreed. Ann suggested that we all contact our local representatives to share that opinion.

Application Process 2021-2022-

Trisha shared that our application website has received 54 applications to date (not all are complete), 81 total between website, and drop off locations.

McKnight has received 4

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 419 children, and 273 families on it.

The February terminations were 63 children.

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 82 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 the applications went out this week. MFW is offering a 6 week summer camp beginning June 7th, M-TH 7:30-3:30, food and transportation will be provided. First priority are children of essential workers, children with IEP's, and rising NC Pre-K students. They have 150 slots available.

Ann is sharing this information with local providers, and asked if someone would join our directors meeting on Thursday to share this with them, and also information about intervention screening. Trina will send someone.

Kannapolis Head Start:

Jennifer shared that they will be conducting DIAL assessments on Fridays, and that they also have hired 2 bilingual family advocates to help this summer accepting NC Pre-K applications.

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.

The next NC Pre-K /Early Education Meeting will be held on

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 10 am through Zoom