



Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 2023
Zoom Meeting – 8:00 a.m.

The Executive Committee of the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children met at their scheduled Zoom meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. by Zoom Meeting. These members were present: Beth Street, Gil Small, and Danielle Mauldin. Waynett Taylor was unable to attend, because her daughter is having emergency surgery this morning. Beth Street led the meeting until she had to drive to Rowan and then Ann Benfield lead the meeting. Beth & Ann welcomed everyone. Staff: Ann Benfield and Ariel Ayers were present. **Quorum was established.**

Ann Benfield presented the minutes of the September 27, 2022 executive committee meeting and the committee reviewed and discussed. Gil Small moved to approve the minutes as presented, and Danielle Mauldin seconded and all were in favor.

Ariel Ayers shared the Partnership's Expenditure Reports and went over each one and answered questions. She reported that we would have a reallocation of Smart Start funding at the February meeting since we have received our carry-forward funds. We will be replacing the funding in in-house programs that we took last fall when we were trying to get funding to WAGE\$ for the child care teachers. We will probably also be using our extra administration funding differently this year so we can eliminate the cost allocation plan. We will be discussing at the February meeting. Ariel also presented the Other Funds report and noted that private funds were up this year due to the Voices for Children Luncheon and all the other events that we sponsored. She also presented a new SUN report which she will be reporting monthly on the spending of the grant from Cabarrus County.

Ariel Ayers presented the invoice from the Smart Start Advocates for our support for the Smart Start lobbyist. After a discussion, Gil Small moved to pay the invoice request of \$2500 from private funds, Danielle Maulding seconded and all were in favor.

Ann Benfield provided updates on the expansion of the SUN Project in Rowan and Stanly counties. Gina and Dr. Suda have hired three more people to assist and they will be moving soon into these other counties.

Ann Benfield also reported she has met with Cabarrus County Government about the capacity of child care in Cabarrus County and wants our help and support in helping the community find a solution. Ann is meeting with Eli Lilly today to discuss their needs for the future and Ann is hoping to get a group of folks to come together to discuss and form a Public Private Partnership so all can work together to find a solution for everyone.

Updates from Committees:

Governance – Met in January and will be presenting the updated Strategic Plan at the February meeting.

Development – Still working on the Duffle Bags of Hope. A church in the community will be packing duffle bags again the first weekend of February and the bags will be delivered to DHS.

Program Oversight – Met in January and reviewed all the proposal and have a list of programs to present at the February board for approval. They are meeting again next month to discuss family programs, because no one submitted proposals for family programs.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 8:00 am in the Community Room at All Saints Episcopal Church.

The next executive committee meeting will be Tuesday, March 28, 2023 on Zoom at 8:00 am.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned 8:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Benfield