



July 19, 2023

EE/NCPK Meeting Minutes

10:00 – 11:00 am

The Cabarrus Partnership for Children's local NC Pre-K Committee Meeting was called to order at 10:05am by Trina Wenzel, NC Pre-K Committee Co-Chair, a quorum was not present throughout the meeting.

Committee Members: Trina Wenzel, Waynett Taylor, Danielle Mauldin, Teresa Aldridge, Lashonda Houston, Jennifer Baucom, Samelia Jones, Elizabeth Heston, Debra Pless, Ann Benfield, Annie Parker, Deborah Beatty, Nicole Sessoms, Sue Rebich

Committee Members Present: Trina Wenzel, Danielle Mauldin, Elizabeth Heston, Debra Pless, Nicole Sessoms

Committee Members Absent: Waynett Taylor, Teresa Aldridge, Lashonda Houston, Jennifer Baucom, Samelia Jones, Ann Benfield, Annie Parker, Deborah Beatty, Sue Rebich

Guest Present: Spencer Swain, Tu'Nicquia Bradley

Staff Members Present: Patricia Sehorn, Debra Pless

Action Items:

Agenda Overview and Approval of Minutes for June 21

Trina Wenzel presented the meeting agenda and asked the committee to review the June 21, 2023 minutes. A request was made by Trina Wenzel for any corrections. No corrections were needed for the minutes. Trina Wenzel requested a motion to approve the minutes without any corrections. Nicole Sessoms approved the motion and Elizabeth Heston seconded the motion.

Review Current Slot Allocation for Possible Changes

Trina Wenzel called on Patricia Sehorn to discuss the current slot allocations. Patricia explained that the sites Bethel, Boger, Irvin, Kids Korner, Lockhart, Rocky River, Mary Frances Wall, and Kannapolis City Schools are full and that Harrisburg, Kids 'R' Kids, and Smart Kids would be full. Patricia also stated that the waitlists from Irvin and Mary Frances Wall could be used to fill slots at St. James and Logan. No vote was taken to amend the approved budget slot allocations from the previous meeting.



NCPK Updates

Application Update

Patricia Sehorn stated that applications are still being processed daily and that there is a new area of eligibility added called Categorical Eligibility. Patricia explained that Categorical Eligibility is considered income eligibility and do not have to verify the families' income if they are receiving some form of public assistance.

Dial Screening

Patricia stated that there have been 253 kids screened in four screenings since April.

Placement Update

Patricia Sehorn stated that there were 315 kids that have been placed or are ready to be placed, and that 506 applications have been taken. Patricia opened the conversation up for questions about placement. Spencer Swain asked if some of the kids on the waitlist that are ESL could be considered for St. James. Patricia Sehorn, explained the site can be offered, but the location can be an inconvenient distance for some, or that the families may prefer to wait for a public school. Patricia stated that there were 68 kids on the waitlist, including those that are over income and that outreach after placement.

PLAN- Committee Members

Patricia Sehorn explained that PLAN was back up and was down for the summer to make updates such as updating the TANF table. Patricia also stated that they needed more community members and parent representation on the board so that there are more non-conflictive people to vote.

Sec 1 Assurances and COI

Patricia Sehorn stated that she would be sending out the assurance document once she starts doing PLAN and that there will be no official training for it. Patricia also exclaimed that she would send out the conflict of interest statements to be signed.

Other Agency Reports

Smart Start:

Trina Wenzel asked Patricia Sehorn if she could update everyone on Smart Kids since Ann Benfield was out. Patricia stated that they were bringing Safe Kids in house and that Reach Out and Read was gone.



DHS Subsidy Updates:

Elizabeth Heston stated that they do not have a waitlist and that 156 children were receiving vouchers. A lot of the families are over income and the updated guidelines from July 1, 2023 has helped some. There is still the concern with overage fees. Trina Wenzel asked what is needed for homeless children placed elsewhere. Elizabeth responded that the caregiver can call and let them know that the child is currently with them. Once the child goes back to living with their parents, the case is closed and the parents would have to apply. Patricia Sehorn asked how many of the families approved for vouchers are waiting for a site. Elizabeth responded that there are 156 families waiting.

CCRI:

No report.

CCS:

Trina Wenzel explained that they were continuing to deal with incredible numbers of referrals for exceptional children evaluation.

KCS/HS:

No report.

RCCC:

Nicole Sessoms stated that four students were graduating in the summer session. Nicole and Jennifer has signed up 114 participants for the Fall.

Endless Opportunity:

No report.

P.U.R.E. Excellence:

No report.

Patricia Sehorn asked Debra Pless if there were any health updates. Debra stated that there were some cases of hand, foot and mouth and that it was typical for hand, foot, and mouth. She also explained that there are some children who have been treated twice for it or still exhibit some symptoms after being treated. Patricia Sehorn asked if there were anything going around. Debra Pless informed that she was not sure if there was a viral fever that could last 10 days or a fast moving stomach bug going around.

With there being no other Committee business, the meeting concluded at 10:32 am. The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2024 at 10:00 am.

Minutes taken by Tu'Nicquia Bradley.