

## NC Pre-Kindergarten/Early Education Committee

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

10:05 am

The NC Pre-Kindergarten/Early Education Committee met on June 11, 2019.

**Committee Members Present:** Ann Benfield, Lashonda Houston, Samelia Jones, Lora Lipe, Waynett Taylor, Trina Wenzel, Amethyst Denney, Danielle Mauldin, Teresa Aldridge,

**Staff Members Present:** Patricia Sehorn, Ariel Ayers and Debra Pless

**Guest Present:** *Aurora Swain*

Ann Benfield opened the meeting and asked everyone to go around and introduce themselves. Ann Benfield also introduced new committee member Amethyst Denney

### Action Items

**Minutes** – Ann presented the minutes for the May 15, 2019 meeting. Corrections to spellings of several names were submitted. Lora Lipe moved to accept the minutes with corrections and Waynett seconded the motion, all were in favor.

#### Corrections

- Correct LaShonda Houston to Lashonda Houston
- Correct Wynett Taylor to Waynett Taylor
- Correct Samelia Jones being listed twice in Committee Members Present section

**FY19-20 Slot Allocation** – Patricia presented the FY19-20 Proposed Slot Allocation budget for the 1<sup>st</sup> round of placement. She shared that there are 296 completed applications and 286 children will be screened next week. The proposed slot allocations were made based on location of the applicants. The Woodrow Wilson area in Kannapolis is the only area with low application numbers at this point. The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of placement will occur at the July meeting. Ann shared that the Partnership has requested expansion slots for FY19-20. Waynett Taylor made a motion to accept the proposed FY19-20 Slot Allocation Budget as presented and Samelia Jones seconded the motion, all were in favor.

### Information Only

**FY19-20 Contracts** – Ariel shared that we have our signed and executed contract from DCDEE. Site contracts will be prepared and distributed in July after the 2<sup>nd</sup> round placement of the slot allocation budget.

**School's Out Bash-** Ann Benfield shared that the School's Out Bash had to be rescheduled from Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> due to forecasted rain and storms. The rescheduled date is June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Hilbish Ford from 10am to 2pm. There will be lots of family friendly activities and resources and all of the proceeds will benefit the Cabarrus Partnership for Children. The updated flyer will be emailed out to committee after the meeting.

**Application and Outreach-** Patricia shared that we have 296 completed applications and 286 will be screened next week. The Partnership and Kannapolis City Schools have been trying to increase low applications numbers in the Woodrow Wilson area. The Partnership will continue to take applications through November 2019. Waynett Taylor requested NC Pre-K application information to put in the RCCC student services center.

**Head Start** – Ann shared that Save the Children Alliance is the new Head Start grantee for Cabarrus County. This will officially be announced by the director of Head Start in July.

**Smart Start Programs-** Ann shared that all Smart Start programs are waiting for the NCPC contract to be released.

**Smart Start Scholarship Program-** Ann shared that all files were transferred to Lora on Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Ann added that she is currently working with DHS to create the MOU and work through the HUBB process for the families that Smart Start serve. Smart Start Scholarship Program will merge with DHS subsidy on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**DHS Subsidy-**

Lora shared that DHS has received files from the Partnership and intake is starting. Appointments will occur by the end of the month and eligible families will be issued new vouchers. A report of those who do not qualify or do not follow through will be provided to the Partnership.

Lora reported on the waiting list numbers, as of right now there are 421 children on the list, this includes 269 families. Lora also shared that DHS is still doing random surveys of the wait list to verify information and see if the families still qualify.

Lora also shared that some centers still have not completed #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. Ann will also have the Child Care Health Consultants help get the word out about the forms that need to be completed.

DHS will share waitlist information with the new Head Start grantee for Head Start application purposes. DHS is also looking into wrap around care for the new Head Start grantee.

**Family Update:** Lashonda Houston shared that Endless Opportunities will be assisting with the screenings next week.

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

**Next NCPK Early Education Meeting**

**Wednesday July 17, 2019 at 10am**

**DHS Auditorium**