CABARRUS COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
Tuesday, February 25, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children met on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. Cabarrus EMS Headquarters, which was advertised on our website and in our newsletter. Board Chair Pam Smith presided over the meeting.

These board members were present:

1.	Gil Small	Community/Faith Community
2.	Chris Measmer	County Commissioner/Government
3.	Jackie Whitfield	Community/Faith Community
4.	Kevin Garay	Government/Superintendent Kannapolis City Schools
5.	Malisha Ross	Services/Partners BHM
6.	Lora Lipe	Government/DHS/Subsidy
7.	Pam Smith	CCM/Community/Services
8.	Judge Beth Street	Government/Judge
9.	Marcella Beam	Government/Assistant City Manager
10.	Aalece Pugh	Government/Assistant County Manager
11.	Stacy Fackler	Atrium Health/Community/Services

These board members were absent:

1.	Melanie Holles	Government/Libraries
2.	Danielle Mauldin	Owner of Kids Korner/Services
3.	John Kopicki	Government/Superintendent Cabarrus County Schools

A quorum was present.

These staff members were present: Ann Benfield, Ariel Ayers, Lauren Westin, Patricia Sehorn, Debra Pless, Melissa Jones, Starla Hatley, Tu'Nicquia Bradley, Lissy Rios, Contracted Evaluator Beth Gilbert, and Strategic Plan Facilitator Robbie Furr.

Welcome:

Pam Smith welcomed board members and thanked them for attending the board meeting and Strategic Planning Retreat. Pam asked all board members to introduce themselves, as there were two new board members, Chris Measmer and Stacy Fackler joining the group today.

Approval of Agenda:

The Board reviewed the agenda for today's meeting.

Chris Measmer made a motion to approve the agenda.
2nd: Malisha Ross
All were in favor.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

The board reviewed the consent agenda documents that were emailed to members prior to the meeting, including: Minutes of October 22 and December 3, 2024 board meetings, February 2025 ED Report, FY24-25 SS Expenditures, FY24-25 NCPK Expenditures, FY24-25 Other Funds Report, FY24-25 State Directed Grant Expenditures, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from January 28, 2025, Program Oversight Meeting Minutes from January 7 and February 11, 2025, and Final FY23-24 Audit.

Gil Small made a motion to approve the consent agenda items.
2nd: Beth Street
All were in favor.

Program Oversight Recommendations for FY25-27 Smart Start Plan:

Lauren Westin presented the recommendations for the FY25-27 Smart Start Plan that Program Oversight approved in January. The Board voted as follows:

Subsidy:

Subsidy: All in favor with Lora Lipe, Aalece Pugh and Chris Measmer abstaining.
NC Pre-K Program: All in favor with Chris Measmer abstaining.

Additional Child Care Related:
Subsidy Administration: All were in favor with Lora Lipe, Aalece Pugh and Chris Measmer abstaining.
NC Pre-K Non TANF : All were in favor with Chris Measmer abstaining.
NC Pre-K TANF: All were in favor with Chris Measmer abstaining.
Child Care Health Consultants: All were in favor.
Early Education Liaison: All were in favor.
Technical Assistance Consultation and Coaching for Directors and Teachers: All were in favor.
Child Care WAGE$: All were in favor.

Family, Health and Other Programs:
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library: All were in favor.
Oral Health Services: All were in favor with Chris Measmer abstaining.
Family Spport Proposal: All were in favor denying this proposal as recommended by the Program Oversight Committee.
Medical and Health Care Services: All were in favor with Chris Measmer abstaining.
Parents As Teachers: All were in favor.
Program Management/Evaluation: All were in favor.
Public Education and Outreach: All were in favor.
Safe Kids: All were in favor.
Let's Play SEIYC: All were in favor.

FY25-27 Strategic Plan Retreat Date:
Robbie Furr led the group in discussing the drafted FY 25-28 Cabarrus County Partnership for Children Strategic Plan which had been emailed to all two weeks in advance of the meeting. The drafted goals were discussed and agreed upon. Robbie then led the participants in break out groups analyzing and brainstorming how to best implement the five goals of the Strategic Plan and prioritizing what years those goals should occur and action steps on how they should be accomplished. After the each group had an opportunity to review all documented information, Robbie state he will take the brainstorming notes and compile them for the Partnership Staff to add into the Strategic Plan format and present to the board for their review at the next meeting and then the FY 25-28 Strategic Plan will be submited to NCPC.

Pam Smith reconvenend the group and the board vote was held regarding adoption of the FY 25-28 Strategic Plan framework and documented action plans developed by all in attendance will be added in the required format.

Malisha Ross made the motion to adopt the FY 25-28 Strategic Plan.
2nd: Kevin Garay.
All were in favor.

Support the Partnership:
Pam Smith reminded the Board Members to donate this fiscal year to the Partnership, and that grants we are trying to apply for want 100% participation from the applicant's board.

With no further business, Gil Small moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:24 p.m.
2nd: Beth Street
All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Westin