



Executive Committee January 28, 2025

Zoom Meeting – 8:00 a.m.

The Executive Committee of the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children met at the regularly scheduled Zoom meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. by Zoom Meeting. These members were present: Gil Small, Marcella Beam & Lora Lipe. Pam Smith had to attend the Pastor's Breakfast this morning and was unable to be with us this morning. Ann Benfield welcomed everyone. Staff: Ann Benfield, Ariel Ayers, and Lauren Westin were present. **Quorum was established.**

Minutes for November 26, 2024

Ann Benfield reviewed the minutes of November 26, 2024, executive committee meeting and Gil Small moved to accept the minutes as presented and Lora Lipe seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Financial Reports

Ariel Ayers presented the financial reports and discussed the Smart Start Expenditure Report and the Other Funds Report, and stated the NCPK and the State Directed Grant Funds Report were on target and asked if there were any questions.

FY 25-28 Strategic Plan Retreat

Our Strategic Planning Retreat is scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2025, from 12:30 – 3:00 pm at the EMS Headquarters. Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm and short board meeting will occur to review the Smart Start programs recommended by the Program Oversight committee so we can submit by the NCPC deadline. We will send the Plan to all board members two weeks before the meeting so they can review the draft. Robbie Furr will be leading our discussion.

Cabarrus Share Grant Program

Ann Benfield stated that the Cabarrus Share Program has been moving along, and we have about 20 clients enrolled and 3 employers participating. We are working to recruit new businesses or agencies to enroll in the program.

Flex Plex Update

Flex Plex has stalled over the last 3-4 months because of the lack of clarification that we have received, and we have reached out to the Cabarrus Chamber to help us with getting the clarification that we need to license the space and proceed with the Pilot. We will keep you posted.

Other State Grant Programs Update

Our Other State Grant Programs are doing very well, and we are very proud of their success. See below:

Conscious Discipline – 59 providers trained, 10 Childcare Centers participating, 2 centers working toward model fidelity, 10 administrators trained

Teacher on Call – 19 participants trained, 9 secured employment, 5 participants will complete training on January 17th

WAGE\$ - 105 childcare professional supplements issued, \$1,109 Avg. Six Month stipends

Bilingual Dental Navigator – adding at Cabarrus Health Alliance has very helpful in reaching Hispanic families in for services

Parents As Teachers – Since July 2024 – serving 20 families, over 200 visits completed, six family monthly connections

Increased Preschool Slots – Added 18 preschool children at Irvin Elementary since October 2024

Executive Committee Meeting Date Change

The deadline for the last reallocation for WAGE\$ is March 15th and we need to move up the next Executive Committee Meeting to earlier in March so we can reallocate WAGE\$ funding. After a short discussion, the committee decided to move the next scheduled Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, March 10, 2025.

Next Board Meeting/Retreat will be Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 12:30 at the EMS Headquarters and lunch will be served.

Next Executive Committee Meeting will be March 10, 2025, at 8:00 am on Zoom.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Benfield Executive Director