



Board Meeting August 19, 2010

Board members present:

Ilene Britt	Cheryl Brown-DeBerry	Bill Bryant	Danielle Caldwell
Linda Chappel	David Covington	Drew Cummings	Rebecca Freeman
Joe Haenn	Marilyn Hedgpeth	Michael Palmer	Rhonda Parker
Ellen Reckhow	Gerri Robinson	Rob Robinson	Eunice Sanders
Delphine Sellars	Timothy Sinclair	Anne Taylor Karasek	Annie Vample

Board members absent/excused:

David Clark	DeeDee Fields	Diane Rupprecht
Barbara VanDewoestine	Angie Welsh	

Agenda Item	Summary of Discussion	Motion	Action
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 4:09pm with a Board quorum by Bill Bryant, Vice-Chair.		
Announcements	Guests today included Lisa Goldman, Early Head Start Planning Consultant from the Department of Health and Human Services; Leshia Workman, Consultant with years of Technical Assistance experience in Early Head Start and Head Start; Don Wells, Board consultant with extensive experience in Board Development and leading the Duke University Continuing Education Program; and Tamara Loza, co-owner of Careli Rental Services. Melanie Busbee has been hired as the new Community Development Coordinator for the Partnership. Marsha Basloe recently won a Triangle Business Journal Women in Business award.		
Consent Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of items listed in detail to the right 	<p>The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda, which included: Minutes of the May meeting, Executive Committee Action Items for June & July, the FY 09-10 Monitoring Updates for Smart Start and More at Four, the EHS Update, the Nomination of the Slate of Officers for FY 10-11, and the spending analysis of June & July.</p> <p>It was noted that in the spending analysis for June the Partnership only had \$5,700 that was not spent from NCPC and those dollars will be able to be rolled over into the next fiscal year at the state</p>	<p>It was moved to approve the Consent Agenda.</p> <p>Motion: Joe Haenn Second: Marilyn Hedgpeth Conflicted: None</p>	Motion carried.

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	<p>level With More at Four, there has been \$50,000 approved for transportation for this year from last year's funds. It is unknown if the EHS funds will be able to be rolled over.</p>		
<p>Public Comment Period</p>	<p>There were no public comments.</p>		
<p>Early Head Start Governance</p>	<p>Lisa Goldman from the Atlanta Head Start Office, a federal project officer for the EHS grant, spoke to the Board and passed out a handout highlighting some of the requirements of EHS. She also announced another initiative through HHS and the Department of Education with a prenatal to age 8 focus; a national conference was held two weeks ago.</p> <p>With regards to the EHS grant, she reported that she does not know if the funding will be permanent or if the funds will be re-competed for prior to awarding. She emphasized that the government will look to the Board as having the fiscal and legal responsibility for the grant. She went into further detail reviewing the handout with the Board. She provided the following url for reference http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc.</p> <p>Lesha Workman, a consultant for Early Head Start, presented the EHS training to the Board. A PowerPoint presentation with the full training was provided to Board members in their packets.</p>		
<p>More at Four</p>	<p>Danielle Johnson, More at Four Manager, reported on the More at Four Guidelines Review and the progress that has been made by the More at Four program in Durham over the years. It was noted that the More at Four Office cut slots from counties that were not meeting the guidelines. Although Durham received a cut in funds as a reduction in the amount provided per slot, no slots were cut from Durham. Joe Haenn congratulated the Partnership on its professional development efforts.</p>		
<p>Program Update</p>	<p>Board members were provided with a copy of the Kindergarten Health Assessment Healthy and Ready Report. Trish Vandersea, Program Coordinator, provided highlights of the report. It was noted that among the people with whom the report was shared, including key leaders in the community, one private company requested 400 copies to share with their employees.</p>		

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Ethics Code Overview	Don Wells, a Board Development Consultant who has worked with multiple boards in North Carolina, presented information on and reviewed with the Board the Code of Ethics that was approved a few months ago. The opportunity for questions was provided.		
Executive Director Update	<p>The Partnership received \$220,000 less than last year from Smart Start in a time of growing community needs. In addition, there was a \$100,000 cut in More at Four; in counties without high quality and an educated workforce, the state office cut slots, including some large counties like Cumberland and Johnston. Durham did not receive any slot cuts. The cut came from the reduction in the amount of money that each slot was allocated in each county. Marsha urged the Board to think about where additional money could be obtained to make up for the \$320,000 lost this year in times of great need.</p> <p>Legislation was passed recently, signed on August 2, 2010, that all teachers in child care centers, administrators in child care centers, and family child care providers are now required to get an “early educator certification.” North Carolina is leading this movement. There are funds available through a grant for teachers and providers through September 30th for DCD to pay for the certificate. Afterwards, the fee will go up to \$25 for a short period and then \$50. This will be a fee paid every three years with continuing education requirements.</p> <p>Marsha reported that the federal government looking at efforts around high quality child care and North Carolina is poised for leading these efforts.</p> <p>On August 23, 2010, the Durham County Board of Commissioners will be awarding the Partnership a Community Circle Award; Board members are invited to come.</p> <p>The Partnership is planning an October Funded Partners Fair on October 5, 2010 from 8:30 to 10:30am. Flyers are provided in the packet, and Board members are encouraged to put the event on their calendar to be able to interact and learn more about Funded Partners.</p> <p>The Smart Investing Booklet that was provided to attendees is the result of the Smart Investing Forum that was held previously in Rocky Mount</p>		

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	<p>and Durham the past few months.</p> <p>It was noted that the Mickle Center discussion will be revisited in October. Rhonda Parker and Marsha have discussed this matter with the new Superintendent of Schools in Durham as a possible location for having an early childhood facility, whether public or private.</p> <p>Marsha said her farewell comments to the Board, thanking them for her time with them, as this was her last Board meeting prior to beginning her new position as the Executive Director for the New York State Early Care and Learning Council in Albany, New York.</p>		
<p>Executive Committee Search Plans</p>	<p>The Executive Committee is serving as the Search Committee for the new Executive Director. A succession plan is in place and Angelica Oberleithner, Assistant Director, will become the Interim Executive Director while the search occurs. The Executive Committee has hired Capability Company, an executive search firm, to assist with finding candidates. Input from the rest of the Board and the community stakeholders is welcome and will be sought by the Committee. The Committee expects this process to take four to six months.</p>		
<p>Adjournment/ Next Board Meeting</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at</p> <p>The next meeting will be October 21, 2010 at 3:00pm.</p>	<p>It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm.</p> <p>Motion: Ellen Reckhow Second: Ilene Britt</p>	<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>