



Board Meeting January 20, 2011

Board members present:

Tammy Baggett	Brenda Berlin	Ilene Britt	Cheryl Brown-DeBerry
Bill Bryant	Danielle Caldwell	Linda Chappel	David Covington
Drew Cummings	Rebecca Freeman	Joe Haenn	Marilyn Hedgepeth
Michael Palmer	Rhonda Parker	David Reese	Nancy Kent for Rob Robinson
Rhonda Stevens for Gerri Robinson	Eunice Sanders	Delphine Sellars	Timothy Sinclair
Anne Taylor Karasek	Annie Vample	Barbara VanDewoestine	Angie Welsh

Board members absent/excused:

Leigh Bordley	David Clark	DeeDee Fields	Laura Gorry
Tamara Loza	Ellen Reckhow	Diane Rupprecht	

Agenda Item	Summary of Discussion	Motion	Action
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm with a quorum. Angie expressed thanks to the staff and commended them for keeping the Partnership running smoothly during the search for the new Executive Director.		
Introductions & Announcements	Guests present included Jeannine Sato from Durham Connects and Lisa Goldman, the Federal Project Officer from EHS. Stephanie Fanjul, the President of NCPC, is scheduled to present a legislative update later in the meeting. A formal announcement was made that Laura Benson was selected as the new Executive Director for the Partnership and will begin work on February 1, 2011. Angie thanked the search committee and everyone else for their input. Tammy Baggett, the new Library Director for Durham Public Library, was introduced as a new board member candidate.	It was moved to approve Tammy Baggett as a new Board member. Motion: Drew Cummings Second: Marilyn Hedgepeth Conflicted: None	Motion carried.
Consent Agenda	The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda which included: October Board Minutes, Executive Committee Action Items, the DEHS Monthly Update, and the Spending Analyses for December 2010.	It was moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion: Barbara VanDewoestine Second: Drew Cummings Conflicted: None	Motion carried
Agenda	There were no agenda modifications.		

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Public Comments	There were no public comments.		
Durham Connects Update / Expansion	Jeannine Sato, the Director of Durham Connects, presented information on the expansion of Durham Connects to every child born who lives in Durham County		
Federal EHS Update	Lisa Goldman, the Federal Project Officer for the Early Head Start program, gave a report on the status of the Early Head Start Program from the federal level. Lisa passed out a list of questions that might be asked of Board Members during the upcoming (surprise) review and said that Board Members may bring notes to the interview. Parents will also be interviewed and teams will do home visits on some EHS parents to look at the home visitor.		
Program Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="115 940 313 1031">• Smart Start – Allocations Process <li data-bbox="115 1339 313 1398">• Community Awareness 	<p>Barbara VanDewoestine, co-chair of the Allocations Committee, provided the Board with an overview of the Smart Start Allocations Process. The Allocations Committee members are free of any conflicts of interests, are demographically representative of the community, and are trained for two months on how the process is done before proposals are received in December.</p> <p>An update, previously sent via email, on the Smart Start Scholarship program was also provided. There was also a report of a 3.5% state-wide cut for Smart Start, but details of the exact numbers are not yet available for Durham County.</p> <p>The Barnes & Noble Holiday Book Drive resulted in 2,865 books that were distributed to 23 community agencies.</p> <p>The Partnership will also be participating as an agency in the Great Human Race in March. Board members are welcome to participate. Donations will be taken that will go to the Partnership.</p>		
Legislative Update	Stephanie Fanjul, the President of the North Carolina Partnership for Children, provided a legislative update. She reported that Dr. Olsen Huff from the Asheville area was been appointed as the new Board Chair for NCPC by Governor Perdue. Stephanie urged Board members to step up engagement with local policy makers because		

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	<p>the state is facing a 21% budget shortfall currently. Some conservative organizations are calling for the elimination of Smart Start and More at Four, so a voice for early childhood this legislative session is essential. Instead of doing Tuesdays for Tots once a year, Stephanie asks that Partnership visit the legislation once a month.</p> <p>The current estimated maximum cut for the current year for a partnership is 2.7%, and NCPC has called for voluntary reversions of funds now to attempt to minimize the cut further.</p>		
East Durham Children's Initiative Update	David Reese, the Executive Director of the East Durham Children's Initiative, gave a short update on the program. A handout of slides was provided in the packet.		
Board and Staff Giving Update	We are in the middle of our annual Board and Staff giving campaign. Currently 71% of staff and 26% of Board Members have donated. There was discussion on what to dedicate this year's annual giving to, but it was decided to wait on the decision until later. In addition, the Board Giving Reception will be held in February so that Laura will be able to attend.		
ED Report	Angelica provided a few brief updates from the ED Report. A full copy of the ED report is available in the packet.		
Adjournment/ Next Board Meeting	<p>The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm</p> <p>The next meeting will be March 17, 2011 at 3:00pm.</p>	<p>It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 pm.</p> <p>Motion: Bill Bryant Second: Anne Taylor Karasek</p>	Meeting Adjourned