



Making Young Children a Priority!
Durham's Partnership for Children
Board of Directors Meeting
January 17, 2008

Board members present:

Ilene Britt	Debbie Pitman	Ellen Reckhow
Cheryl Brown	Rebecca Freeman	Delphine Sellars
Bill Bryant	Skip Auld	Marilyn Hedgepeth
Wendy Burnette	Joe Haenn	Deborah Horvitz
Kirsten Kainz	Marlo Walston	Angie Welch
Linda Chappel	Michael Palmer	Diane Rupprecht

Board members excused:

Sammy Haithcock	Carolyn Titus	Rhonda Parker	Barbara VanDewoestine

Board members absent:

Hubie Mercado	DeeDee Fields	Ilene Britt	Debra Parker
Dave Clark	Ellen Holliman		

Staff present:

Marsha Basloe	Vicki Rawlings	Bill James
Jameka Wells	Linda Hicks	Steve Toler
Wendi Huskins	Kate Irish	Sally Bond
Ted Whiteside	Trish Vandersea	Karine Stallings

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Michael Palmer called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. with a quorum.
- II. INTRODUCTIONS:** Linda Chappel officially welcomed to the board, she is replacing Sue Russell. Angela Born representing Barnes and Noble welcomed.
- III. CONSENT AGENDA:**
 Review of minutes of November meeting, spending analysis, action items from December Executive Committee meeting (handout)

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda

Motion: Ellen Reckhow Second: Kirsten Kainz Motion carried
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- IV. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS:** There were no agenda modifications requested.

V. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Cheryl Brown introduced Marcus Harris who is a parent of a child at Brown's Daycare and also attended Brown's Daycare when he was a child. Mr. Harris was acknowledged as a success story for early childhood education, who is now a business man and an author. His book was passed around.

VI. **REPORTS AND UPDATES:**

- Community Awareness & Development
Angela Born from Barnes & Noble was recognized for her exceptional effort during the DPFC book drive. Angela was presented with a Corporate Champion for Children Certificate. To date we have collected 4400 books which is a dramatic increase from last year when we collected 833 books. We have distributed 2000 books to the community thus far. The school age books are going to the Public Library and Durham Public Schools. Early childhood books will be given to Pre-K applicants and additional books will be given out during the week of the young child.
- Board Giving Campaign 07/08
Board giving is at 75% Michael asked all who did not donate to please donate so we may have 100% board giving. DPFC board will be recognized at the National Smart Start dinner in Greensboro May 8th for two years of 100% board giving.
- School Readiness/More at Four Committee
Policy Update – Deborah Horvitz who is the Co-chair reviewed the MAF Program Requirement Based on Revisions in Star Rated License – The criteria was updated and approved by the School Readiness/MAF committee 1/9/08 (Handout) If a 4 or 5 star MAF site drops to a 3 star or less under the new rated license system during the 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 school year, the site may continue to serving MAF children with the following provisions – a Corrective Action Plan must be developed within 30 days of notification from the MAF office. The site staff must show good faith efforts in attaining at least a 4 or 5 star rating, and the local MAF staff will monitor for compliance. (Handout in file.)

A motion was made to approve the MAF Criteria Update based on revisions in Star Rated License

Motion: Deborah Horvitz

Second: Ellen Reckhow

Abstained: Cheryl Brown, Joe Haaen, Annie Vample, Debbie Pitman

Motion carried

- Allocations Committee
Marsha on behalf of Barbara VanDewoestine reviewed the 2 year Allocation process. (Handouts indicating the Allocation procedures for year 2 and overall SS Allocations) Advised that the staff of DPFC reviewed all proposals to make sure they are complete and followed the guidelines outlined in the RFP. The next Allocations Committee is in the process of reviewing the material separately. The next meeting the committee will break into two groups and review the applications. On March 17th all funded partners will give a brief presentation and be available for questions. The Allocations Committee continues to improve the process. The improvements are based on the feedback received from the Committee, the Board and Funded Partners. Recommendations will be given to the Board in May. This information was provided to ensure that the Board was aware of the Allocations Committee work and process. There were no questions.
- Program & Evaluation
Kate Irish reviewed the Durham PBIS criteria handout, power point presentation and PBIS results. There are 7 mandatory PBIS criteria and each local Partnership is required to select an additional 4 criteria. DPFC also identified additional criteria to track and target locally that are not reported to the State.
A10 Audit finding (Mandatory) - Clean audit for FY 07/08.
FS10 Parenting Skills (Selected) - Met minimum standard.

H10 Early Intervention (Mandatory) - Met minimum but decreased.

H20 Health Check (Mandatory) - Did not meet minimum. Trish advised that the data reported is from FY 05/06 and reported in FY 06/07. We will meet the Health Check criteria next year at 72%. Significant discussion followed regarding the complexities and challenges of untangling Health Check.

H60 Body Mass Index (Local concern) – There was significant concern about the high % for Durham. Debbie Pitman said there is a School Health Advisory Committee and we can look at tying early childhood into this work.

PLA20 Regulated Child Care Programs (Selected) - Met high performing standard. 100% of children receiving subsidy are enrolled in regulated child care.

PLA40 Child Placements in regulated child care (Mandatory) - Met high performing standard; avg star rating is 3.72 and 56% of children are enrolled in 4 or 5 star rated programs.

PLA50 Subsidized child placements in regulated child care (Mandatory) - Met high performing standard; avg star rating is 3.73 and 62% of children enrolled in 4 or 5 star rated child care programs.

PLA60 Subsidized placements for children with special/developmental needs (Local priority) – Did not meet minimum; avg star rating is 3.81 and 73% are enrolled in 4 or 5 star program.

PLA70 Nationally accredited programs (Local priority) - 13% of children are enrolled in regulated child care programs that are nationally accredited.

EDU10 Lead teacher education (Mandatory) - The Partnership will be required to meet the minimum standard of 60% by June 2010. We are presently at 37%. There was significant conversation about EDU10. Ellen Reckhow asked CCSA to provide data on the work they do to look at EDU10.

Median Teacher Salaries (Comp 10 Mandatory), Sick leave (BE20 Selected), and Stability/turnover (S10 Selected) - Data source not available for these PBIS criteria.

Michael and Marsha thanked Kate and Trish for the presentation.

VII. COMMUNITY ALIGNMENT PLANNING:

Ted Whiteside spoke briefly about why we are focusing on a community alignment planning process. The development of our youngest children is the pathway to a healthier and safer society. It is essential to our society's future to invest in early childhood. The Partnerships vision is that all sectors of our community develop a strategy and plan to highlight and facilitate the awareness of the extraordinary significance of early childhood.

Board reviewed handout of data collected at the Board retreat. Each Board member asked to complete the Effective and Focused Community Alignment Planning (either by completing their personal sheet or adding comments to post it boards) Results will be shared. Michael asked the Board to see how each member can support raising this issue at each table we sit at. Marsha discussed the enormous scope of a Community Focus on early childhood. It is bigger than just the Partnership and the Board needs to want to take this on. The staff can provide support, yet this will bring the Board's role to a new level. It will need a plan and a willingness to pursue this.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Annual plan to NCPC will be voted on at March Board Meeting. We are waiting for the final report from the auditors. The Smart Start conference is May 2008 (let Marsha know if you would like to attend – Superintendent Dr. Rudy Crew is Keynote dinner speaker.) The State of Durham's Children date was changed to September 2008 in an effort to have Governor Hunt, Bill Shore and Bill Millett. Attended the Commissioners retreat, and attended an ED forum 1/14 & 15. Marsha gave an update on the Ready Schools Initiative. Dr. Jan Blanck and Marsha have presented the Initiative to Dr. Pitman who will present it to Dr. Harris. If approved, we will pilot this in 4 schools. A grant proposal will be submitted to NCPC for funds to get this off the ground. It will be a step to aligning early childhood efforts and DPS efforts.

IX. OTHER BUISNESS/ADJOURNMENT:

Next Board meeting is March 20, 2008 at 3:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm