



Making Young Children a Priority!
Durham's Partnership for Children
Board of Directors Meeting
November 20, 2008

Board members present:

Skip Auld	Ilene Britt	Cheryl Brown	Bill Bryant
Wendy Burnette	Linda Chappel	Dave Clark	Angie Welsh
Rebecca Freeman	Joe Haenn	Marilyn Hedgepeth	Debbie Pitman
Kirsten Kainz	Ellen Reckhow	Michael Palmer	Carolyn Titus
Diane Rupperecht	Barbara VanDewoestine	Marlo Walston	Rhonda Stevens/Toni Pedroza for Sammy Haithcock

Board members excused:

Rhonda Parker	Delphine Sellars	Annie Vample	Danielle Caldwell
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Board members absent:

DeeDee Fields	Ellen Holliman		
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Staff present:

Marsha Basloe	Vicki Rawlings	Tina Bernadoni	Karine Stallings	Jeanette Maatouk
Jameka Wells	Angelica Oberleithner	Kate Irish	Danielle Johnson	Sandra Roberts
Cindy Riley	Trish Vandersea	Ted Whiteside	Rhonda Wynn	Diana Graham
Steve Toler				

I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 3:06pm by Michael Palmer

II. INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: No board meeting since August but we had a successful Annual Meeting and Board retreat. Introductions made of Jessica Davlin and Jessica Freifeld, both students at Duke taking a course in leading non-profits. Jasmine Potts introduced who is an intern in the community awareness department and in the masters program at NCCU. Rhonda Parker congratulated on the accreditation the Parks and Recreation Department received. Condolences offered to Vicki Rawlings who lost her mother and to Kate Irish who lost her father.

III. CONSENT AGENDA: Review of minutes from August and October meeting, Strategic Plan, Executive Committee Action Items and Spending Analysis

Motion: Bill Bryant
 Second: Ellen Reckhow
 Motion carried

IV. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS: Allocations recommendations and MAF funding recommendation will be presented together and Program and Evaluation will be presented afterwards.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No public comment.

VI. Triangle United Way: Angie Welsh thanked everyone who donated to the United Way this year. She advised that the Board of the TUW vote to extend their campaign through December this year. \$1,824,000 spent in Durham; this year's requests total one million dollars more than available. Angie advised that donations through the United Way go to support nearly 40 agencies in Durham, and agencies in Raleigh and Chapel Hill. Requested that if you have yet to donate to the TUW please seriously consider doing so, so they can continue to support agencies in need. Community needs to understand that domestic violence and child abuse is always on the rise in tough economic times.

VII. Executive Director Report:

- Marsha reviewed the notes from the Board retreat concerning the Endowment and the Children's Savings Account (handouts). Both efforts are moving forward. Information will come to the board in the future.
- We have raised \$13,000 toward the Faith Initiative. If we can raise \$15,000, the Fletcher Foundation will give \$10,000.
- Reviewed Handout (Potential General Fund Short Falls) by the NC Justice Center. Budget shortfalls were discussed - \$1 billion to \$1.8 billion or more. There will be competition for every dollar and we will have to make our case for those dollars.
- We will not receive any additional funds this fiscal year and we will need to plan for the cuts in the future. We need to look back on what we have cut in the past (innovative & special programs). Subsidy is what gets the legislators attention – including the need for DCD dollars. The Partnership is now funding subsidy at 51%. Durham has funded subsidy between 38% and 52% (law mandates that we fund at 30%). Now more than ever is the time to increase our messaging – Job creation, keeping families at work and how early education is important to economic development. Lastly, that cuts to young children can have effects that will cost us later in health, mental health, other services.
- Marsha reviewed the PowerPoint presentation on NCPC budget reduction process. Cuts were made in three steps: a) 2% cut; b) cut based on funding level; c) incentive if 3 of 4 mandatory PBIS were met. Durham did not receive an incentive. Total cut: 5.72% in services. Additional cut of 6% of administrative dollars. Total cut: \$485,161. Discussion on impact to large partnerships.
- Next steps - NCPC will be sending each partnership a revised allocations letter reflecting the reductions. After identifying the reductions we need to be sure we are still in compliance with the 30% and 70% mandates. Partnerships told to assume budget will be reduced again. Partnerships should plan for at least twice the reduction in the future.

VIII. Reports & Updates

Allocations

- Recommendations to the Board from the Allocations Committee – In the summer we were informed that that Smart Start had received \$4.7 million in new funds statewide for FY 08/09. All local partners were informed that they would receive a 2% increase in service dollars. In addition, there was \$59,251 in unallocated funds from our original 08/09 allocation. In September, the Allocations Committee voted to allocate a total of \$215, 698 to funded partners (handout of what each funded partner requested). In September, OSBM released a memorandum stating that the Governor lowered revenue expectations for 2008/2009 and NCPC encouraged all local partnerships to look carefully at their budget in anticipation of a 2-3%% cut. The Executive Committee vote via email to send the funding allocations back to the Allocations Committee for further review. Based on the anticipated reduction they recommended that neither the additional or unallocated Smart Start funds be allocated at this time which is \$215,698. As a result, direct service providers were notified we were holding off putting the additional funds into contract.
- In November, the Allocations Committee met and reversed the previous recommendation for funding to be used for cuts. They recommended not to fund the Ready Infant Toddler

Classroom project at this time (\$30,000) previously approved, and include this in the two year proposals (rather than a 2 ½ year submission) and to reduce child care subsidy by \$211,009. Total services cut of \$456,707 (5.72% cut by NCPC)

- Marsha – During this stabilization period it does not mean we do not plan. We should do all our planning during the time we do not have additional funds so we will be poised to move forward and meet the demand that comes.
- Significant discussion of cuts and the effect on both projects funded and organizational infrastructure. .

Smart Start Funding Overview FY 08/09 with recommended cuts (handout)

Motions made to approve cuts recommended by Allocations. The Board Chair had the Conflict of Interest Form and members were reminded that they could not vote if there was a conflict of interest.

CCSA - \$20,000: QE (\$5,000 not yet in contract) QM (\$5,000 not yet in contract) WAGES (\$10,000 not yet in contract)

Motioned by: Bill Bryant, Seconded by: Ellen Reckhow
Abstained: Cheryl Brown, Marlo Walston, Linda Chapel
Motion Carried

DACCA/Child Care Subsidy (\$87,147 not yet in contract) (\$211,009 cut subsidy) Smart Start subsidy, MAF Subsidy & Subsidy Administration
Discussion will be held with DSS regarding where cuts will be taken from 3 contracts.

Motioned by: Barbara VanDewoestine, Seconded by Bill Bryant
Opposed: Linda Chappel
Abstained: Ellen Reckhow, Carolyn Titus, Marlo Walston, Joe Haenn
Motion Carried

Community Partnerships, Inc. - Durham Inclusion Support Service (\$9,800 not yet in contract)

Motioned by: Kirsten Kainz
Seconded by: Bill Bryant
Motion Carried

Exchange Clubs Child Abuse Prevention Center - Early Childhood Outreach Program (EChO) (\$10,000 not yet in contract)

Motioned by: Bill Bryant
Seconded by: Ellen Reckhow
Motion Carried

Health Department - Healthy Smiles/Healthy Kids Expansion (\$1,683 not yet in contract)/Nutrition Consultation (\$2,388 not yet in contract)

Motioned by: Marilyn Hedgpeth
Seconded by: Joe Haenn
Abstained: Rebecca Freeman, Ellen Reckhow, Carolyn Titus

DCCSN - Hispanic/Latino Family Consultation Services (\$6,750 not yet in contract)

Motioned by: Barbara VanDewoestine
Seconded by: Ellen Reckhow
Abstained: Wendy Burnette
Motion Carried

DPFC (ABCD \$30,000 not in contract) RITC (\$30,000) will not fund new program

Motioned by: Diane Rupprecht
Seconded by: Joe Haenn
Motion Carried

El Centro - FAMOSA (\$7,950 not yet in contract)
Child & Family Support Services - Healthy Families Durham - (\$10,000 not yet in contract)

Motioned by: Barbara VanDewoestine
Seconded by: Bill Bryant
Motion Carried

Cooperative Extension - Welcome Baby Family Resource Center (\$9,980 not yet in contract)

Motioned by: Bill Bryant
Seconded by: Marilyn Hedgepeth
Abstained: Ellen Reckhow, Carolyn Titus, Wendy Burnette

MAF Combined Strategies Funding Discussion

- MAF – (Handout) Recommendations by committee approved 10/08 – New Recommendations in light of cuts presented on sheet. New recommendations not from a committee so needed a motion and a second.
- \$75,000 – Replenish funds; \$25,000 Staff Retention bonus continued; \$10,000 Early Literacy Training for teachers with Project Enlightenment; \$2,000 Intake space at CCSA; \$20,000 Outreach & Communications; \$50,000 Transportation project for 09-10
- Increase Non-Smart Start Admin cost from 10% per board policy to 11% (approx \$21,000)
- Provide \$104,000 MAF funds to subsidy to offset Smart Start MAF subsidy dollars cut.

Motioned by: Bill Bryant
Seconded by: Angie Welsh
Abstained: Debbie Pitman, Joe Haenn, Marlo Walston, Linda Chappel, Cheryl Brown
Motion Carried

SR/MAF Approved Policy Change for private MAF sites for PLC days (handout)
Recommendation – All sites follow DPS calendar with the exception of the Professional Learning Community days for private sites. Private sites will participate in two (2) Professional Learning Community days on 4/22/09 and 5/16/09.
Board recommended that DPS calendar be replaced with “Traditional School Calendar” and the dates be removed.

Motioned by: SR/MAF Committee
Seconded by: Ellen Reckhow
Abstained: Cheryl Brown, Marlo Walston, Joe Haenn, Debbie Pitman
Motion Carried – with changes as recommended

Reverted MAF Equipment – Recommendation: MAF programs recommends that Little People 2 Daycare (who is no longer in the MAF program) be allowed to redistribute the Canon Printer to Scarborough Nursery. (This is the only item on the asset list to be distributed.)

Motioned by: Bill Bryant
Seconded by: Ellen Reckhow
Abstained: Joe Haenn, Cheryl Brown, Marlo Walston, Debbie Pitman
Motion Carried

Program Evaluation

- Sally Bond presented a Power Point presentation on the 2007/2008 Final Activity Report (handouts)
- Summary – Looking across all outcomes reported in all program areas, it is evident that the majority of the outcomes for which the funded partners are responsible have been met or exceeded by 75%. Nearly two-thirds 65% of the funded partners outcomes exceeded expectations, on a few 16% did not meet expectations for a variety of reasons, none of which suggests a specific pattern.
- Significant discussion about the need for additional data. Marsha has been working with the school district on this effort. Discussion also about looking for pre-k data to see where they end the school year. Partnership does not have point of access for all pre-k. Will look at MAF, HS & Title 1.

Community Awareness

- 11/1 started our Barnes & Noble book drive which will go to 12/21. Despite economic downturn we have collected over 900 books thus far.
- Due to time, we will not present the State of Durham's Children video. It is on Channel 4.

Board & Staff giving

- 93% of staff has donated thus far and 11.5 % of the Board.
- Michael encouraged 100%. This is important. He will periodically send out the Board & Staff giving chart.

IX Other Business – Next Board Meeting 1/15/09 at 3pm. Executive Committee Meeting 12/11/08
Motion to close meeting – Motioned by Barbara VanDewoestine seconded by Marilyn Hedgepeth
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 5pm