



Executive Committee Meeting March 11, 2009

Members Present: Michael Palmer, Bill Bryant, Joe Haenn (via phone), Ellen Reckhow, Angie Welsh

Staff Present: Marsha Basloe, Tina Bernardoni, Sandra Roberts

Members Excused: Ilene Britt, Debbie Pitman, Barbara VanDewoestine

Members Absent: Dave Clark

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm with a quorum.

Agenda Item	Summary of Discussion	Motion	Action
<p>Consent Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from February 19, 2009 meeting 	<p>The committee reviewed the minutes from the February 19, 2009 Executive Committee meeting. The corrections to the minutes are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under Consent Agenda Discussion in the second sentence, “suggested” was changed to “suggestion.” • Under Budget and Legislative Issues in the sixth sentence, “to back onto the waitlist” was changed to “go back onto the waitlist.” 	<p>It was moved to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2009 Executive Committee meeting with corrections.</p> <p>Motion: Bill Bryant Second: Joe Haenn</p> <p>Approval was unanimous.</p>	<p>Motion carried.</p>
<p>Smart Start Cuts</p>	<p>NCPC has cut the Partnership’s funding by an additional 2%. Administration was cut \$9,485, and total cuts were \$169,061. Because it was so late in the year for funding cuts, staff recommended cutting funded partners approximately 2% across the board. This brings the Partnership’s total cut to 8.32% in service dollars and even more—around 8.7%— in administration because the Partnership is a large partnership.</p> <p>Marsha has written a letter to the editor of The Herald Sun and will write a similar letter to the News and Observer.</p>	<p>It was moved to cut 2% from all Smart Start activities. (Smart Start cut all local partnerships service dollars 2%.) NCPC provided the cut amount to administration of \$9,485. Total cuts at this time are \$169,061.</p> <p>Motion: Bill Bryant Second: Angie Welsh</p> <p>Approval was unanimous.</p> <p>Abstained: Joe Haenn, Ellen Reckhow</p>	<p>Motion carried.</p>
<p>Use of past Board/Staff Giving funds</p>	<p>The Partnership has accrued a fund balance from prior board giving campaigns that was designated to go to advocacy. Because NCPC provided funding for buses the two last years for Tuesdays for Tots,</p>		

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	<p>the Partnership did not spend the money designated for advocacy.</p> <p>The Board can redesignate the prior years' board/staff campaign collections to allocate the nearly \$10,000 to administration in order to reduce the impact of the latest cut from NCPC. The current year's campaign collection and next year's collection would still go towards the Endowment. The prior years' campaign money would be used to maintain the administrative costs without cutting staff. Marsha will look at ways to cut money for the next fiscal year in order to plan for the reduced amount over 12 months. Between the in-house programs and administration, the Partnership will have approximately an \$18,000 cut just for the months of April, May, and June.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was decided to send this issue to the Finance Committee for review when they meet Wednesday, March 18, 2009 and to have the Finance Committee make a recommendation to the Board. The EC also felt that as the Board voted to decide where funds would go for Giving campaigns, this should go to the full Board. An alternative of using unrestricted funds was also presented. The Board may need to use these funds for the IRS situation (next item).</p>		
<p>IRS Situation and course of action update</p>	<p>EPS, the company that was handling the Partnership's payroll prior to our current provider, failed to forward the money the Partnership gave them for tax withholdings to the IRS for one paycheck period. The IRS has contacted the Partnership for payment. The amount owed to the IRS is around \$9,000. The Partnership has a six week hold off that stops the penalty, but not the interest, from accruing.</p> <p>The payroll system is set up so that the Partnership gives the payroll company the tax withholdings for employees' paychecks. The payroll company then holds the money in escrow until it forwards the money to the IRS.</p> <p>Marsha has contacted Mike Calhoun, the Partnership attorney, regarding the situation and is waiting to get a response from him. The Partnership may have a fight on its hands in terms of dealing with the company because it appears the company went out of business. Staff are trying to find out additional information. This will go to the Finance Committee for discussion.</p>		

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Legislative agenda update	<p>A sheet, “2009 Legislative Agenda for Young Children,” was distributed. There was discussion about the House Bill on merging Smart Start and More at Four. The Partnership will take no position on the bill to merge Smart Start and More at Four. It was moved to approve the 2009 Durham Legislative Agenda with the following modifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the 4th sentence, “maintaining services” was changed to “maintaining and enhancing services.” • At the top, an overarching rationale will be added, explaining the reasons why this the Partnership’s legislative agenda using the highlighted sentence from Marsha’s op-ed. 	<p>It was moved to approve the 2009 Durham Legislative Agenda (with modifications discussed).</p> <p>Motion: Angie Welsh Second: Ellen Reckhow</p> <p>Approval was unanimous.</p> <p>Abstained: Joe Haenn</p>	<p>Motion carried.</p>
Other Business	<p>There is a group with NCPC looking to change how local partnership board governance is mandated. Marsha is attending webcasts on the subject.</p> <p>Kate Irish will be published with Michal Grinstein-Weiss as co-author in <i>The Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare</i> in an article about children’s savings accounts.</p>		
Adjournment		<p>It was moved to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Bill Bryant Second: Angie Welsh</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.</p>