



Making Young Children a Priority!
Durham's Partnership for Children
Board of Directors Meeting
November 19, 2009

Board members present:

Skip Auld	Cheryl Brown-DeBerry	Bill Bryant	Linda Chappel
Dave Clark	David Covington	Drew Cummings	DeeDee Fields
Rebecca Freeman	Laura Gorry	Joe Haenn	Kirsten Kainz
Sarah Kenney	Michael Palmer	Rhonda Parker	Ellen Reckhow
Gerri Robinson	Rob Robinson	Eunice Sanders	Delphine Sellars
Timothy Sinclair	Anne Taylor	Angie Welsh	

Board members absent/excused:

Ilene Britt	Suzette Brown	Danielle Caldwell	Marilyn Hedgpeth
Diane Rupprecht	Annie Vample	Barbara VanDewoestine	

The meeting was called to order at 3:07pm.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS: Welcome and introductions were made. Visitors included Julie Wacker and two Duke Residents, Christin Hammond from CCSA, and David Covington, a potential new board member. Wendy Burnette was recognized for her service on the board member as the LICC (Local Interagency coordinating council) representative; unfortunately she was unable to be in attendance. Michael Palmer was recognized for his service as Board Chair for the previous two years and was presented with a certificate and a gift. Michael expressed his thanks and indicated his continued commitment to serving children. Congratulations were offered to Joe Haenn on his imminent retirement from the Office of School Readiness.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda was reviewed, including: a review of minutes of the August meeting and the notes of the October Annual meeting, the Executive Committee Action Items (September), the spending analysis forms, the updated Conflict of Interest forms, and the updated Confidentiality form sheet.

It was moved to approve the consent agenda.

Motion: Bill Bryant
Second: Dave Clark
Conflicted: None

The motion was approved unanimously.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS:

It was moved to add a Membership Committee Report to the Agenda in the Committee Reports section.

Motion: Dave Clark
Second: Bill Bryant
Conflicted: None

The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: There were no public comments.

REPORTS & UPDATES:

Allocations Committee Report: Anne Taylor presented information on the updated allocations situation. In September there was a 5% holdout of the allocation for the governor's budget. In early November, the 5% was reduced to 3.5%, which means the Partnership received \$159,353 of returned money to reallocate. That amount went to the Allocations Committee for recommendations.

The Allocations Committee recommended to the board to reallocate the \$60,000 that were reduced from the More at Four Coordination and the \$13,499 for the DACCA Administration. With the ARRA funds requiring a match, the Partnership needed to increase their funding for the Smart Start Scholarships in order to meet the match. Therefore, the committee recommends \$32,047 to be allocated to the Smart Start Scholarship. The Committee recommends waiting to allocate the \$53,807 until January/February to wait and see how other monies are being spent and to ensure we will not have another cut.

The Allocations Committee moves to (1) Allocate \$60,000 to More at Four Coordination to restore the most recent funding cut; (2) Allocate \$13,499 to DACCA Administration to restore most recent funding cut; (3) Allocate \$32,047 to Smart Start Scholarship Program (CCSA); and (4) Hold \$53,807 to be allocated in January/February.

Motion: Allocations Committee
Second: Kirsten Kainz
Conflicted: Linda Chappel, Cheryl Brown-DeBerry, Joe Haenn, DeeDee Fields

The motion was approved unanimously.

FY 08-09 Evaluation Report: Ann Harmon from Harman & Associates presented the FY 08-09 Evaluation Report. There were 20 Partnership programs in FY 08-09. Ann presented a PowerPoint presentation that was provided as a handout to attendees that highlighted challenges and achievements in FY 08-09. The Board received a copy of the full report.

Community Awareness: The Partnership is collaborating with Barnes & Noble again this year in a Book Drive that commenced on November 1st. The Community generously donates books to the Partnership, and we turn around and donate them to programs and families during December. As of the date of the board meeting, over 1,000 books have been collected and distributed. An email went out announcing this book drive, and it is requested that board members share this information with his or her contacts.

In addition, the state is embarking on a statewide public policy and community engagement project for early childhood, coordinated by The Lee Institute out of Charlotte, called “Smart Investing: Communities Thrive When Children Thrive.” The Partnership will be participating in this event, scheduled for December 1st, by inviting 10+ people from the community to learn about early childhood issues to the regional forum in Rocky Mount; the Partnership will be chartering a bus to this event. The Regional Summit will be held on March 9th in Durham; Marsha is working with The Lee Institute to find space for 300 people. Results will be brought to the board in the spring.

Membership: Ellen provided information on David Covington and presented him for approval as a new board member representing the LICC.

It was moved to approve David Covington as the new board member representing the LICC.

Motion: Ellen Reckhow
Second: Bill Bryant
Conflicted: None

The motion was approved unanimously.

BOARD GIVING CAMPAIGN: Angie expressed thanks to Barbara VanDewoestine for the use of her home for the Annual Board Giving Campaign event hosted at her home. Current results of the giving campaign were shown with board giving at 24% and staff giving at 69%. Angie asked the Board to return their pledges. It is important that we have full board support.

BOARD RETREAT FOLLOW UP: The results of the collated evaluation survey for the Board Retreat were distributed to board members, along with the list of commitments made by the Board Members in the coming years. Board members will be asked to refer to this list of commitments throughout the year.

Board members were asked to sign a Board Member Agreement by November 30th and return it to staff. The Executive Committee will also be looking at a Board Evaluation process.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & CHILD CARE: Mary Martin from CCSA presented the Child Care Workforce Study. The Partnership received grants from the RBA Initiative, the Workforce Development Board and Time Warner Cable to fund a Child Care Workforce Study

and partnered with CCSA in order to conduct the study. There had been no workforce study since 2003.

There was a discussion over the fact that the increase in education is not as much as expected. Once child care workers are educated, they have more opportunity to move on to higher paying employment and many do; until the compensation issue is addressed, this will remain an issue. Drew urged in future studies to standardize dollar amounts in order to get a better comparison. Delphine added that stressors also may make people leave the child care industry, such as worrying that their own children are not properly cared for. Cheryl expressed the desire to be able to track the services children receive into Kindergarten so we can see how good child care providers are doing. DeeDee highlighted that the role of a child care worker often goes beyond education to hygiene, ensuring children are fed, and a lack of supplies. Ellen wanted to look at the expenditures on child care as a percentage of the GDP; getting more investment in children will require a lot of education. Dave added that at the World Economic Forum, most countries view early childhood development as economic stimulus. Marsha reported that this is the first year of the kindergarten assessment where we are trying to get information on entry into kindergarten, but it will take the Evaluation Committee a while to figure out once we receive the data.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Marsha reported on the Early Head Start Board Implications and presented a draft of a By-Laws change to board members in order to meet the requirements of Early Head Start. This By-Laws amendment will be voted upon in January. In addition, the Partnership completed and submitted the Form 990. The Audit for FY 08-09 is scheduled for mid-December. Marsha & Angelica presented the Mayor's Plan to the City and they will present to the City-County Joint Meeting on January 12th. Visits are being made by OSR for Teacher Licensure. Head Start challenges were identified and Danielle and Timothy are working on these. The Year 2 RFP was posted on the website. Ignite Learning, a program with the Museum of Life and Science, offered reduced family memberships to children of More at Four, Head Start, Welcome Baby, Healthy Families Durham, and El Centro. The 15th Anniversary event will be held on **April 15, 2009 at the Washington Duke Inn** (who generously donated the room for our use). Further information is available in the full ED report.

It was moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Bill Bryant
Second: Ellen Reckhow
Conflicted: None

The meeting adjourned at 4:56pm.

The next Board meeting will be January 21, 2010 3:00 pm.