



Making Young Children a Priority!
Durham's Partnership for Children
Board of Directors Meeting
January 15, 2009

Board members present:

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| Skip Auld | Cheryl Brown | Bill Bryant | Wendy Burnette |
| Linda Chappel | David Clark | Rebecca Freeman | Joseph Haenn |
| Sammy Haithcock | Marilyn Hedgpeth | Dr. Kirsten Kainz | Michael Palmer |
| Rhonda Parker | Dr. Debbie Pitman | Rob Robinson | Diane Rupprecht |
| Delphine Sellars | Annie Vample | Angie Welsh | |

Board members excused:

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| Carolyn Titus | Ellen Reckhow | Barbara VanDewoestine |
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Board members absent:

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| Ilene Britt | Danielle Caldwell | DeeDee Fields | Marlo Walston |
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Staff present:

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| Marsha Basloe | Tina Bernardoni | Diana Graham | Kate Irish |
| Danielle Johnson | Jeanette Maatouk | Barbara Mollica | Angelica Oberleithner |
| Cindy Riley | Sandra Roberts | Karine Stallings | Trish Vandersea |
| Jameka Wells | Ted Whiteside | Rhonda Wynn | |

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:10 with a quorum established.
- II. **Introductions and Announcements:** Michael welcomed everyone to the meeting. Two student guests were introduced: Sarah Byrd and Natalie Dawe.
- III. **Consent Agenda:** Michael reviewed items on the consent agenda included in a packet: the minutes of the November Board meeting, the current spending analysis, a development report, and action items from the December Executive Committee Meeting.

There was a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion: Marilyn Hedgpeth
Second: Skip Auld

Motion was approved unanimously.

- IV. **Agenda modifications:** Michael asked the Executive Committee members to stay after the Board meeting for a closed session under §143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter; they will adjourn to the small conference room.
- V. **Public comment:** None.
- VI. **Policy Update: Conflict of Interest Policy:** Included in the packet were two pages of the Finance Committee's recommendations on conflict of interest policy. NCPC requested the local Partnerships review their conflict of interest policy, esp. in regards to funding decisions. The major points of interest for the board regarding this direction are (1) the Partnership's current policy aligns almost verbatim with the NCPC recommended policy; (2) NCPC recommended that members with a conflict of interest leave the meeting room during a vote. However, the Finance Committee did not feel this was necessary; (3) when discussing funding issues, board members who have a conflict of interest would not be allowed to speak on behalf of that organization; (4) Additionally, because the School Readiness/More at Four Committee is a conflicted committee, if there are funding recommendations from this committee, the recommendation will need a motion from a board member and a second instead of just a second from a committee. A conflict of interest chart that shows board members' conflicts was included in the packet. Our conflict of interest procedures include providing the board chair with this list for reference during voting. The Board Chair will ensure that COI policies are followed.

The Finance Committee brings the motion to approve the Conflict of Interest policy update. (See packet)

Motion: Finance Committee

Second: Dr. Kirsten Kainz

The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. **Reports and Updates**

- **Board Giving Campaign:** Michael requested that any board member who had not made a contribution to the annual fund yet to consider doing so. The amount that the board member contributes is irrelevant; it is participation that is important.
- **School Readiness/MAF:** More at Four is developing a training session on taking Pre-K applications with Head Start, DPS, CCSA and DACCA. They are hoping to facilitate process and have developed an advertising marketing plan with flyers, public service announcements, etc. The marketing will start January 18, 2009. The application process will begin February 23, 2009.
- **Allocations:** Barbara VanDewoestine was out of town, so Marsha presented the update. Please see Allocations materials provided. Barbara wanted to be sure the Board understood the process. The Allocations Committee is a conflict free committee. The proposals have been posted and accepted. Two bidder's conferences were held. Next week, the Allocations Committee will meet with every applicant through four panels. There is a large group of people participating from the community; they will get together over the next few months where they will use the rating tool, talk, and ask questions before rating activities to determine funding recommendations. The Allocations Committee will make their final decision in May, and the Board will be able to move forward the funding decisions at that point. We are

still in the process of deciding how much we will allocate next year. The guidance from the state office is that we should allocate at least 10% less than we allocated this year.

- VIII. **PBIS Results:** Kate gave an update on the Performance Based Incentive System. There are seven mandatory and four selected indicators. A PowerPoint and chart of indicators was presented. We have continued to make progress on indicators. There was discussion of the need to meet EDU 10 (Teacher Education) by June 2010.
- IX. **National Children's Study:** Anna Maria Siega-Riz, PhD and Sharon E. Loza, MEd, MA from the North Carolina Study Center presented information on the National Children's Study. The Children's Health Act of 2000 authorized and directed the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and a consortium of federal agencies to plan and conduct a longitudinal study of the impact of environmental exposures (broadly conceived) on children. The study will include approximately 100,000 children and will follow the children from the prenatal period for 21 years. There were 105 communities selected to be representative of the US; no specific groups (race, ethnicity, economic) are singled out to participate the study. The study is meant to examine a broad range of environmental, social, behavioral, and biomedical factors that may affect children's health. There are six North Carolina Study locations planned: Duplin County, Rockingham County, Burke County, Durham County, Cumberland County, Buncombe County, and Gaston County. Durham County is set to be part of Wave 1 which has an estimated field start dates of 2010-2013. There was an opportunity for questions.
- X. **Smart Start Conference:** The Smart Start Conference will be May 5, 2009 thru May 8, 2009. Major events of the conference this year will include a luncheon on Thursday instead of a dinner. The Partnership may be able to offer a subsidy to help pay for board members who wish to attend and need assistance with the fee. Let Marsha know asap if interested. Early bird is \$160.00. If you are interested in going just for the luncheon, members were to sign the sheet being passed around.
- XI. **Executive Director's Report:**
- **Annual Plan:** The Annual Plan is due to NCPC in March. Board will review the annual plan at the March meeting.
 - **Legislators, Tuesdays for Tots, and Tuesdays at Home:** We will be asking Board members to participate in Tuesdays for Tots and Tuesdays at Home. This year is not going to be an easy legislative session; we will have to fight to maintain funding. It is extremely important we have the support of the Board to help us support young children. This year we will be trying a new approach; we will meet with legislative representatives here and have a conversation as well as in Raleigh.
 - **Transition to Kindergarten Plan:** DPS and the Partnership have been working on a Transition Plan. Overall goals include collaborative transition to kindergarten planning, shared training, ready schools initiative, and student outcome data in five domains of learning. This work continues.
 - **Faith Report:** Board members are receiving the first copies of the "Durham County Early Childhood Faith Initiative Report." Copies of the Faith Report will be mailed out tomorrow to the 49 sites that participated in the congregation survey. Any organization can pick up and use this report as a reference. If you want additional copies, let us know and we will get them to you.

- **Barnes & Noble Holiday Book Drive:** We had a very successful holiday book drive with Barnes and Noble. There were over 3500 books donated by community and these books went to 20 different community organizations that distributed the books in the local area.
- **Membership:** Marsha requested that if any of the Board members knew people that we should talk to about board or committee membership to let her know.

XII. **Other Business:** Sammy Haithcock announced there would be a possibility of TANF money over the next 6-7 months; it would be a one-time infusion of money triggered by the state of the economy, but the money can help fill holes the budget cuts have left. The Partnership may be contacted. It is out of Massachusetts. Joe Haenn and the Office of School Readiness are working with them (the public consulting group).

There was a motion to adjourn at 4:40pm.

Motion: Sammy Haithcock

Second: Angie Welsh

The Executive Committee entered into a closed session at 4:45 pm under §143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter. Closed session ended at 5:35 pm.