

## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

## May 18, 2017

**Present:** Bob Ashley, Diamond Bethea, Deric Boston, Ilene Britt, Linda Chappel, Cathy Collie-Robinson, Drew Cummings, Jason Jones, Phillip Harris, Brenda Howerton, Karen O'Mansky, Joanne Pierce, David Reese, Delphine Sellars, James Spencer

**Absent/excused:** Michael Becketts, Ellie Erickson, Ashley Taylor Jacobs, Mike Lee, John McCain, Terricka Melton, Michael Page, Donna Rewalt, Queron Smith

Guests: Dr. Jessica Lowery Staff: Laura Benson, Brittany Gregory, Danielle Johnson, Alicia Vorholt

Karen O'Mansky called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm with a quorum.

Agenda Item	Summary of Discussion	Motion	Action
Introductions and Announcements	Dr. Jessica Lowery, Executive Director of the Robeson County Partnership for Children, was introduced and welcomed as a guest. She is gathering information from other partnerships on board meetings and consent agendas.		
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Consent Agenda Approving:  3/16/17 board minutes; March spending analyses (EHS and EHS-CCP); April spending analyses (Smart Start and NC Pre- K); DEHS Monthly Report (March); DEHS Credit Card report (March) Receiving: Program Instruction-Head Start-17- 02 (Funding increase – COLA)	-It was noted that the consent agenda does not contain the 3/16/17 board minutes. They will be approved at the next board meeting.	It was moved to approve the Consent Agenda items.  Motion: Brenda Howerton Second: Delphine Sellars  Not voting due to conflict of interest: None  It was moved to receive the Program Instruction-Head Start-17-02.  Motion: Phillip Harris Second: Brenda Howerton Not voting due to conflict of interest: None	Motion carried  Motion carried
Agenda Modifications and Public Comment	None		

<b>Finance Committee</b>	-Karen presented the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget	
Report	to Actual report on behalf of Queron	approve the 3 <sup>rd</sup> carried
	Smith and the Finance Committee. She	Quarter Budget to
-3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget to	highlighted several revenue items,	Actual report.
Actual Report	including exceeding the conservative	
_	individual donor goal, not meeting the	Motion: Finance
	new private grant goal yet, and the	Committee
	reliance on reserves. That figure will	Second: Brenda
	decrease by year-end, with some	Howerton
	expenses being eligible for	
	reclassification to other revenue sources.	Not voting due to
	On the expense side, no items were	conflict of interest:
	noteworthy. There were no questions	None
	from the board.	
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## **Allocations Committee**

-Smart Start Funding Recommendation FY 17-18 Cathy Collie-Robinson reported on the rigorous allocations process and the work of the allocations committee for the past 6 months. The board was reminded that the process was reported on at each board meeting over this time. Board members who are part of the allocations committee were acknowledged, and the members of the committee with expertise were named. Cathy referenced the deep discussions that the committee had in monthly meetings, along with using the rating tool rubric, attending the applicant presentations, and asking follow up questions to the applicants. The committee used an assumption of flat funding for the new fiscal year. The rating tool was shared with the board along with a chart showing the scores for each proposal on each criteria. The board packet also included a chart with what each partner requested versus what funding recommendation was being made.

The board's discussion included the following topic areas:

- How to make the process more meaningful for all board members, including the possibility of putting proposals in an accessible drop box.
- The role of presentations in the rating process and the suggestion to rework the rating tool with redefined weights to reflect renewed board priorities
- NCPC's allowance for P&E funds to be requested without a proposal
- Interest in deeper understanding of use of Smart Start admin dollars
- Considerations of how to use increased amount of community data
- What policy the board might set for the authority of committees
- Recommendation to set up meetings quickly to review allocations process and steps for the goal of increased board engagement

Cathy introduced each motion from the Allocations Committee, and the Conflict of Interest chart was read for each activity prior to the vote.

**Healthy Families Durham (Center for Child & Family Health)** – \$323,797.

**Motion:** Allocations Committee

**Second:** Phillip Harris

Not voting due to conflict of interest: none

**Motion carried unanimously** 

Wage\$ (State contract managed by CCSA) - \$609,922

**Motion:** Allocations Committee

Second: Joanne Pierce

Not voting due to conflict of interest: Deric Boston, Linda Chappel

Motion carried unanimously

Smart Start Scholarship Program (CCSA) – \$3,085,127.

**Second:** Bob Ashley

Not voting due to conflict of interest: Deric Boston, Linda Chappel

Motion carried unanimously

School Readiness Quality Enhancement (CCSA) -\$186,379

**Motion:** Allocations Committee

**Second:** Jason Jones

Not voting due to conflict of interest: Deric Boston, Linda Chappel, Brenda

Howerton

Motion carried unanimously

Early Childhood Outreach Program/EChO (Exchange Family Center) -

\$186,216

**Motion:** Allocations Committee

**Second:** Deric Boston

Not voting due to conflict of interest: none

**Motion carried unanimously** 

Advancing School Readiness (CCSA) – \$199,983

**Motion:** Allocations Committee

**Second:** Phillip Harris

Not voting due to conflict of interest: Deric Boston, Linda Chappel, Brenda

Howerton

Motion carried unanimously

Welcome Baby (Durham County Cooperative Extension) -\$188,667

**Motion:** Allocations Committee

**Second:** Joanne Pierce

Not voting due to conflict of interest: Drew Cummings, Brenda Howerton

**Motion carried unanimously** 

Childcare Education and Referral Program (CCSA) – \$172,101.

**Motion:** Allocations Committee

**Second:** Jason Jones

Not voting due to conflict of interest: Linda Chappel

Motion carried unanimously

Incredible Years Teacher Classroom Management Program (CIS of

**Durham**) – \$44,549

**Motion:** Allocations Committee

**Second:** Bob Ashley

Not voting due to conflict of interest: Brenda Howerton

Motion carried unanimously

	The Family Support Program (El Centro Hispano) –\$59,445 Motion: Allocations Committee Second: Brenda Howerton Not voting due to conflict of interest: none Motion carried unanimously  Program Coordination and Evaluation (DPfC) – \$285,016 Motion: Allocations Committee Second: Phillip Harris Not voting due to conflict of interest: Brenda Howerton Voting No/Opposed: Linda Chappel Motion carried	
	Reach Out And Read (Duke Health) –\$0 Motion: Allocations Committee Second: Phillip Harris Not voting due to conflict of interest: none Motion carried unanimously  Book Babies (Book Harvest) –\$0	
	Motion: Allocations Committee Second: Phillip Harris	
	Not voting due to conflict of interest: none Motion carried unanimously	
Community Updates – Impact and Implications	Board members addressed the community level projects that have been underway, including the State of Durham's Young Children's Report, the Pre-K Task Force, and the Smart Start Conference and Leadership Symposium.	
-State of Durham's Young Children Report (4/21/17) -Durham Early Education/Pre-K Task Force Report (4/27/17) -Smart Start Conference and Leadership Symposium (5/2-5/4) -Advocacy Education	<ul> <li>Community-wide support for Whitted's success along with the need to recruit 4 year olds across the county for all pre-k site options within the NCPK, Head Start, and Title I arenas and focus on parent engagement</li> </ul>	
OTHER BUSINESS and ADJOURN	-The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.	