

DRAFT MINUTES

Committee Members in attendance: Al Whitesides, Brandy Bowman, Glenda Weinert, Jane Hatley, Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Kidada Wynn, Leslie Anderson, Mistie Reising-Cogbill, Philip Belcher, Rich Johnston, Robert Pressley, Susan Mims, Wendy Wieber

County support staff in attendance: Rachael Nygaard, DK Wesley, Michael Frue, Angelyn Johnson, Rasheeda McDaniels, Burnett Walz

Other Guests: Susanna Smith, Dr. Dana Ayers, Marcia Whitney and Sunshine Records

Welcome and agenda review by Jasmine Beach-Ferrara.

Virtual meeting reminder: Identify yourself when speaking. All votes will be conducted by roll call. This is a public meeting. If any community members are in attendance, there will be a time for public comment at the end of the meeting.

Meeting Minutes: Philip Belcher made a motion to approve the minutes from December 1. Susan Mims seconded motion. Vote by roll call vote was unanimous in approval.

Old Business

- Grantee reports for the second quarter are available online for committee review. There is one report per project, and it includes a narrative, results, demographics and budget info.
- Grant process review
 - Reviewed important dates from roadmap
 - Staff held a grant writing workshop for grant applicants
 - Staff are hosting one-on-one grant assistance sessions
 - Application closes 2/12/2021 at 5:00 pm and staff will send them to the committee as soon as possible
 - Angelyn will send an email to the committee with the link for the grant software, login instructions, new scoring criteria, etc.
 - Staff will be available to assist every step of the way.

New Business

- Jasmine Beach-Ferrara gave an overview on Universal Pre-K and the committee had a discussion about different options. It was decided to create an ad-hoc Universal Pre-K committee to develop a plan for what it looks like and how we get there. The ad-hoc group would need to have the proposal in early June to present to the Board of Commissioners. The ad-hoc group will include: Wendy Wieber, Mistie Cogbill, Brandy Bowman, Leslie Anderson and Glenda Weinert.
- Asheville Buncombe Preschool Planning Collaborative (ABPPC) had already put a lot of work into data for universal pre-k. We need to figure out how it fits in with this work, and how to build on that and not duplicate it.

Announcements

- Jasmine recommends everyone check www.buncombeready.org for latest COVID info including vaccine information.

Public Comment

- There was no public comment

Next Meeting: Next meeting is March 2 at 12:30 pm.