

MINUTES

Committee Members in attendance: Al Whitesides, Brandy Bowman, Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Kidada Wynn, Kit Cramer, Leslie Anderson, Linda McDaniel, Mark Taft, Mistie Reising-Cogbill, Philip Belcher, Rich Johnston, Robert Pressley, Susan Mims, Wendy Wieber

County support staff in attendance: Rachael Nygaard, Burnett Walz, Angelyn Johnson, Trish Wallin, Michael Frue

Others in attendance: Susanna Smith, Caroline Rodier, Amy Barry, Jenny Vial, Kaitlyn Guyer, Deanna LaMotte, Marcia Whitney, Sarah Cain, Stacey Bailey, Susanna Smith, April Dockery, Melissa Hedt, Emily Quinlan, Richard Caro, Sunshine Request.

Welcome and agenda review by Jasmine Beach-Ferrara. Congratulations to Committee Member, Dr. Susan Mims on her recent appointment as CEO at Dogwood Health Trust.

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.

Minutes

Kit Cramer made a motion to approve the minutes from January 4. Philip Belcher seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote

Old Business

- Grant timeline overview:
 - 2/11 at 5:00 pm - Application deadline
 - 3/1 at 1:00 pm – Committee meeting
 - 3/11 at 5:00 pm – deadline to submit questions for applicants
 - 3/18 at 5:00 pm – deadline for applicants to submit answers to committee questions
 - 4/1 at 5:00 pm – deadline for scoring applications
 - 4/5 at 12:00 pm – Committee meeting
 - 4/19 at 12:00 pm – Committee meeting
 - 4/26 at 12:00 pm – Committee meeting (if needed)

New Business

- Pre-K expansion
 - Committee members discussed the Pre-K Expansion report. Several members voiced their concern over sustainability. There is interest in using ARPA grant funds to conduct a 2-year pilot for these strategies.
 - Committee members would like to explore the connection with MyFutureNC/P-20 and the work we are doing locally. Staff will gather information on the P-20 council to share with the committee via email and it can be discussed at a future meeting.

- Philip Belcher made a motion to endorse the report and the six strategies contained in it. Al Whitesides seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Announcements

- The Board of Commissioners' briefing meeting and regular meeting are livestreamed if anyone is interested in viewing it this afternoon.
- Dr. Mims announced that Dogwood Health Trust has hired a Vice President of Education, Erika Williams.

Public Comment

- Amy Barry participated in public comment.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is March 1 at 1:00 pm.