

MINUTES

Attendees: Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Al Whitesides, Martin Moore, Leslie Anderson, Carol Steen, Philip Belcher, Linda McDaniel, Marsha Davis (virtual), Mistie Reising-Cogbill (virtual)

Absent: Susan Mims

Staff in attendance: Rachael Nygaard, Angelyn Johnson, Sara Joss, Michael Frue

Welcome

Minutes

- Approval of minutes from June 6, 2023
 - Motion to approve by Philip Belcher. Seconded by Martin Moore. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

- Update from funding subgroup (Al Whitesides, Mark Taft, Leslie Anderson):
 - Met on June 30, 2023
 - Bump up all awarded organizations for FY24 at 100%
 - Al Whitesides made a motion to grant \$75,000 of remaining funds to Evolve Early Learning. Martin Moore seconds. Unanimously approved by committee.
 - Recommend saving the remaining \$129,640 for future discussion and possibly for emergent response as needed.

New Business

- Election of Officers
 - Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary positions are available.
 - Vote will be held at the September 5, 2023 meeting.
- Volunteers for Board of Commissioner presentation on 9/5
 - Carol Steen and Martin Moore will present on behalf of the committee.
- Review of FY24 Annual Roadmap
 - Staff will provide different options for site visits moving forward.
 - Roadmap is approved by committee.
- Session 1 of Workforce Focus
 - Panelist included: Jenny Vial (Buncombe Partnership for Children), Aimee Spooner (Irene Wortham Early Learning Center), Amy Sosebee (Regent Park Early Childhood Development)

Center), Tameka King (Children’s Center at Gracelyn), and Melissa Wilson (Buncombe Partnership for Children).

Announcements

- Membership Update:
 - Marsha will be vacating her committee seat. Thank you for your service!
 - This leaves 4 current vacancies on the committee to be filled.
 - Revisit the application process and updates on applicants for open positions at the September 5, 2023 meeting.

Public Comment

- Betsy Stockslager from Buncombe County Schools made public comment.
- Amy Barry from Buncombe Partnership for Children made public comment.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is September 5, 2023, 1:00-2:30 pm, 200 College St, Ground Floor Conference Room