

MINUTES

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

County support staff in attendance: Rachael Nygaard, Michael Frue, Max Taintor, Burnett Walz, Zo Mpofu

Welcome and agenda review by Jasmine Beach-Ferrara. Introduction of two new committee members, Brandy Bowman and Wendy Wieber.

Old Business

- Reflections on Grantee Cohort call from September 15, 2020
 - It was a great way to have a large group together. Really appreciated the time and being able to hear directly from grantees how the pandemic is affecting them. Kudos to centers for emphasis on the support and concern for the wellbeing of the staff.
- Update on Site Visits
 - We have been working to schedule virtual site visits with all organizations. Site visits will be after they submit their first quarterly report so the committee will have their first report prior to the site visit.
 - Committee will receive sign-up list soon after this meeting. Committee participation will be limited to no more than seven members per site visit. These site visits are voluntary for committee members.
- Update on November meeting
 - The November meeting was moved to November 17 due to Election Day.
 - We had planned to have an outside consultant to facilitate the meeting, but we were not able to get that booked for November. We are working with internal staff and will still focus on racial equity as well as other factors as we prepare for our next funding cycle.

New Business

- Panel Presentation and Discussion (reference presentation in meeting materials)
If anyone has any questions, please email Rachael (Rachael.nygaard@buncombecounty.org) or Angelyn (Angelyn.johnson@buncombecounty.org)

Topic	Presenter
Panel Organizers	Amy Barry, Executive Director & Deanna LaMotte, Early Childhood System Coordinator - 4 Buncombe Partnership for Children
State of Child Care – COVID Edition	Jenny Vial, Director of Child Care Resources - Buncombe Partnership for Children
Policy & Advocacy	Michele Rivest, Director - NC Early Education Coalition
Workforce & Compensation	Allison Miller, Director of the NC WAGE\$ Program - Child Care Services Association
Subsidy	Sheila Hoyle, Executive Director - Southwestern Child Development Commission



Early Childhood Education & Development Committee

October 6, 2020, 1:00 – 2:30

Virtual Meeting

Announcements

- Let's Talk COVID – Early Childhood Learning event will be on October 13 at 5:30 pm via Livestream on Buncombe County Facebook page

Public Comment: There was no public comment

Next Meeting: November 17, 2020 Virtual Meeting from 1:00 – 2:30 pm