

SOUTH CAROLINA



Early Childhood Advisory Council

Meeting of the Early Childhood Advisory Council February 21, 2019

2 p.m.

IT-oLogy, 1301 Gervais St #200, Columbia, SC

- I. Call to Order and Approve Agenda (Julie Hussey)
Motion: To adopt the agenda as submitted.
- II. Welcome and Introductions (Julie Hussey)
- III. Public Comment Period
The public is invited to provide comments relevant to the SC Early Childhood Advisory Council and/or South Carolina First Steps during this period. Members of the public wishing to speak must submit a speaker card prior to the meeting's commencement.
- IV. Approve December 6, 2018 Minutes (Julie Hussey)
Attachments: December 6, 2018 Minutes
- V. Report from the Inter-Agency Collaboration Committee
Attachments: Committee Report, Interagency Collaboration Committee Minutes
- VI. Preschool Development Grant, Birth through Five Presentation (Cassie Barber)
- Action Items and Deliverables
- VII. Adjourn

**Upon adjournment, we will have a short break for refreshments.*

**Early Childhood Advisory Council Meeting
December 6, 2018**

**Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center – Columbia, SC
Upon adjournment of the Board of Trustees Meeting**

DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present (13):

Julie Hussey, Vice-Chair
Sue Williams
Tim Holt
Representative Jerry Govan
Mary Lynne Diggs
Walt Fleming
Jennifer McConnell
Joan Meacham
Roger Pryor
David Wilson
Mary Poole
Alexia Newman
Shelly Canright

Members Absent (6):

Joshua Baker
Senator Greg Hembree
Amy Williams
David Mathis
Representative Rita Allison
Senator Gerald Malloy

Others Present:

Georgia Mjartan
Dan Wuori
Martha Strickland
Susan Jones
Samantha Ingram
Zack Catoe
Debbie Robertson
Mark Barnes
Constance Gully
Brook Wickersham
Lora Bryson
David Lisk
Valerie Johnson
Carletta Isreal
Cindy Riley

Marcia Bacon
Sarah Eargle
Felicia Patrick
Crystal Campbell
Janice Kilburn
Betty Washington
Doris Mitchell
Pauletta Plowden
Amy Breault
Centuria Watson
Darnell McPherson
Dwana Doctor
Shirleen Lewis
Lilian Peake
Francis Rushton

Shante McRae
Jim Riddle

Call to Order/Quorum Call

Ms. Julie Hussey called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Ms. Hussey called for a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting. After a motion by Mr. Tim Holt and a second by Mr. Walt Fleming, the agenda was approved unanimously.

Ms. Hussey called for a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. After a motion by Ms. Sue Williams and a second by Ms. Jennifer McConnell, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Ms. Georgia Mjartan noted that Dr. David Mathis, chair of the Interagency Collaboration Committee, was not able to attend the meeting; however, Ms. Sue Williams presented the committee's report in his place.

Ms. Williams briefed the group on the background of the Interagency Collaboration Committee and the opportunity for the committee to work together on the common goal, of moving South Carolina forward starting with its youngest citizens. All members on the committee are child-serving state or quasi-state agencies. She noted the significance of agency leaders' willingness to serve on this committee. Ms. Williams stated that agencies agreeing to this committee is a significant measure in itself.

Ms. Hussey stated that the Preschool Development Grant, Birth through Five application has been submitted to the U.S. Administration for Children and Families. Ms. Hussey spoke of the important role of the Interagency Collaboration Committee and the ECAC with this grant in the coming year.

Representative Jerry Govan further articulated the impact of South Carolina submitting the Preschool Development Grant, Birth through Five application and noted that, as a legislator, he was impressed when he found out the work to submit the application was a collaborative effort among the agencies.

Rep. Govan went on to say that South Carolina has agencies who are talking to each other and not operating in silos, which bodes well for the future of the children in our state.

Ms. Hussey reminded the board of the South Carolina and Georgia Cross-State Learning Opportunity.

Ms. Mjartan stated that the following agencies would be represented on the trip: SC Department of Education, SC Department of Social Services, Head Start Collaboration Office of SC, the University of South Carolina, and SC First Steps, along with Ms. Hussey. Ms. Mjartan invited others to attend if interested.

Ms. Mjartan asked the Program and Grants Committee of the State Board to stay after adjournment for photos with the Local Partnerships who received Early Childhood Innovative Grant Awards.

Rep. Govan informed the assembly that he was a member of the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) Advisory Group and noted that this group would be happy to help with the efforts and collaboration of the ECAC.

Upon a motion by Rep. Govan and a second by Ms. Williams, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47PM.

To: Early Childhood Advisory Council
From: Dr. David Mathis, Chair, Interagency Collaboration Committee
Date: February 21, 2019

RE: Report of the Interagency Collaboration Committee

The Interagency Collaboration Committee held their regular bi-monthly meeting on Monday, January 28 at SC First Steps. The goals for the Early Childhood Advisory Council were reviewed, and discussion on how to best meet those goals followed. The Committee decided on the following actions:

1. Member agencies will collaborate to define joint agency goals for SC's children birth through five. Goal areas will span education, health, well-being, etc.
2. The committee will explore resources for using a 2Gen approach when developing service delivery goals.
3. Each agency will identify staff to assist in developing joint goals including sharing pertinent data sets and informing the SWOT analysis.

Meeting dates have been set for the remainder of the year:

March 25
May 20
July 29
September 30
November 25

All meetings begin at 3:30 P.M. Meeting locations will vary as the Committee visits different member agencies.

Interagency Collaboration Committee
Minutes
January 28, 2019

Present: David Mathis, Chair, SDE; Joan Meacham, DSS; Georgia Mjartan, First Steps; Lilian Peake, DHEC; Mary Poole, DDSN; Sue Williams, The Children's Trust;

On the Phone: Mary Lynne Diggs, Head Start Collaboration Office; Julie Hussey, Acting Board Chair, First Steps

Absent: Josh Baker, DHHS

Staff: Cassie Barber

Chair David Mathis convened the meeting at 3:30 PM with welcome and introductions then turned the meeting over to Ms. Georgia Mjartan.

Ms. Mjartan reviewed the mandated goals for the Early Childhood Advisory Council and led a discussion regarding a collective move to action that would define joint agency goals for a birth through five intersection of early childhood education, health and well-being. Goals would optimally move the agencies from collaboration to integration – building direct connections and relationships for cross-sector solutions to identified needs.

Dr. Mathis recognized these agency relationships as critical to meeting the needs of the whole child. Ms. Lilian Peake noted the need to analyze data to identify gaps. Ms. Mary Poole spoke to the needs of disabled children across the spectrum. Dr. Peake suggested the agencies participate in a SWOT analysis. The members concurred and agreed to identify staff to provide data for this activity.

Members then discussed the need for a 2Gen approach for this work and Reggie Bicha, the Aspen Institute was mentioned as a possible resource. There was also discussion of the need to develop protocols to make data more readily available to professionals providing direct service to children and families.

Ms. Cassie Barber will be in touch with committee members as data questions related to the goals are developed and plans are made for the SWOT activity.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45. Next meeting is scheduled for 3:30 PM on March 25 at the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.