



Meeting Notes
Family Success Alliance Council Meeting
Monday, April 18, 2016
Carrboro Century Center

In attendance:

Council: Bernadette Pelissier, Colleen Bridger, Nancy Coston, Michael Steiner, Alice Denson, Liska Lackey, Angela Wilcox, Jake Henry, Debra Farrington, Cordelia Heaney, Sharon Freeland, Luke Smith, Miguel Munoz, Sheldon Lanier, Deloris Bailey, Michael Reinke, Aviva Scully

Absent: Charles Blackwood, Nate Broman-Fulks, Loryn Clark, Mark Dorosin, Mack Koonce, Robin Pulver, Katrina Solomon, Audrey Spencer-Horsley, Jen Della Valle

Staff: Meredith Stewart, Stacy Shelp, Melvyn Blackwell, Meredith McMonigle, Allison Young, Angela Clapp, Beatrice Parker, Mariela Hernandez, Ashley Choate

Guest: Nick Allen, Vyjayanthi Narasimhan, Margaret Samuels, Todd Lofrese

Welcome

Michael Steiner opened the meeting with a welcome.

Project Updates

Steiner announced that the Governance work group recommends that council expand representation to town council members. After a brief discussion the Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Stacy Shelp informed the council that there will be a media training offered to FAS staff, partners, and council members. She announced that the training will be after the next FSA council meeting (June 20, 2016). She explained that opening slots are limited (15-20 persons), and 7 slots have already been filled. She encouraged council members to sign-up to attend the training.

Strategic Planning Work Group Reports

Angela Wilcox provided updates as it relates to Work Group 1. Angela reported that on March 3, 2016 the group concentrated on action steps for indicator two. She noted that FSA administrative staff assisted the group with developing surveys and prioritizing action steps. The group met again on March 24, 2016. Some of the action steps that were deemed important were; developing a home visiting system for families that recently had a child, creating an outreach campaign to promote family planning, and increasing the capacity for maternal health follow ups. One goal for school readiness is to create a definition for what "readiness" is. Other goals are to find funding for families for high quality childcare, a system to ensure that children are screened, increasing access to books, access to evidence based programs, and supporting array of parenting support (i.e. Triple P).

Jake Henry announced that there will be a K-readiness program this summer for Zone 4, and those students that were in the K-readiness program last year, will be offered to enroll into 1st grade prep program. He explained that the programs will be housed at New Hope Elementary School. There will be 30 slots for K-readiness students. There will be a parent orientation and two parent workshops associated with the programs. "Reading to Achieve" program will be featured at New Hope as well. There will be pretest and posttest for programs. Parks and Rec will provide an enrichment program at New Hope Elementary this summer. There will be a celebration at the end of the summer.

Sheldon announced that there will be a K-readiness program this summer for Zone 6, and those students that were in the K-readiness program last year, will be offered to enroll into 1st grade prep program. He explained that the programs will be housed at Carrboro Elementary School. The programs will be open to Frank Porter Graham Elementary and North-side Elementary students. "Reading to Achieve" program will be featured at Carrboro Elementary as well.

Jake reported that the group is still in the brainstorming phase as it relates to goal 2, with several concrete action steps. Jake reported that expanding school based mental health is an action step the group agreed to strive for.

Sheldon commented that the information to address goal 2, indicator 2 (suspensions and school attendance) is already accessible by the school district.

Delores reported that work group 43 has been having discussions on ways to get families to read together more. She explained that the group identified that indicator 1 is much more tangible than indicator 2. The group is still working on action steps that are feasible and effective.

Policies and Progress Reports

Allison Young proposed a mobility policy for FSA families that navigators will use. She explained that a Zone family either stays in the zone or have children enrolled in a zone school, and be eligible for free and reduced lunch. Initial recruitment will be for families that are enrolled in the K-Readiness program. If a family is moving then navigators will work with them for a transition period. The estimation of this transition period will be three months. If families move outside of the two zones and will no longer be connected to a zone school, they will no longer be enrolled. There was a motion to accept proposed mobility proposal, and all members present were in favor of the proposal.

Nick Allen provided updates on the UWGT mid-year report and ETO update. Nick explained that the data that will be collected will be shared amongst the collaborative. Nick reported that there is no set date that ETO will roll out at this point and time.

Wrap up

Todd Lofrese, Assistant Superintendent of CHCCS, announced that the Lincoln Center will be remodeled. After the remodel, the center will be used to house pre-k. There will be 20 classrooms for pre-k.

Dr. Steiner closed the meeting and reminded council members to submit their meeting evaluations and the date of the next council meeting.