

Tuesday, August 14, 2012
Early Learning Partnership
Board Meeting Minutes

Members present: Jill Burelson, Dr. and Mrs. Hank Crotwell, Sylvia Echols, John Gettys, Sue Gover, Ellen Green, Suzanne Harnois, David Lisk, Susan Martoccia, Kimberly McIntire, Jodie Rankin, Jane Turpin, Jim Vining
Staff: Nina Feemster, Teresa Creech, Shannon League

Jim Vining welcomed everyone and introductions of members, including new members, were made.

Sylvia read Donna's resignation letter. A motion was granted for Donna to become Director Emeritus. Attached to the minutes is Donna's letter.

Jim Vining introduced Teresa Creech as the Interim Director for ELP. He reminded everyone of the calendar rotation for the monthly board meetings. There will be a new member orientation after the September meeting. Each member received a member responsibilities form.

Jim went over the proposed yearly budget. ELP will need to have a fall fundraiser to make up a shortfall in money for DPIL. A motion was granted to approve the proposed budget.

Teresa Creech went over upcoming grant applications. She asked for approval to request up to \$10,000 from the SC Free Clinic Association. It is due 8/31/12. This funding request will help supplement the nurse practitioner's salary. Another grant request will be to the Springs Foundation. The money requested will be up to \$35,000 and will be used for DPIL. It is due 10/1/12. A motion was granted to apply for these grants. Shannon will be getting a list of Springs Close Board members and send it out to ELP Board members. Next month John Gettys will announce the fall fundraiser.

Sylvia mentioned doing a fall race (with Krispy Kreme) fundraiser in 2013 with the Junior Welfare League. This fall, ELP will send out a fundraising letter out for DPIL. Estimated cost of mailing is \$1,600. David Lisk suggested putting on the letter, "Sponsor a Child." We need to put a place for email addresses on the return letter. A motion was granted to the DPIL fundraising letter campaign. Sylvia talked about doing one on one meeting with potential sponsors. Gary Williams Foundation just gave \$15,000 to ELP, along with \$8,000 from First Steps. Sylvia met with Gary and wants to try and meet with other potential sponsors. ELP is planning to meet with the group Good Folks. A potential sponsor is The Community Foundation.

Resource Center's Report- Nina Feemster reported about Clover's Resource Center. She said there were a number of children who aged out of their program and they were recruiting new ones. They are supporting teen parents with childcare. Baby

Net now has an office in the Clover Center. The Center also has a Benefit Bank site, where Medicaid and food stamps are processed. The Center will be hosting a county wide Born to Read meeting/training on Monday, August 20th. Phyllis Ward of DSS will be speaking. Clover has a new website through the District website. They are hoping to have their own website soon.

First Steps Report- David Lisk- First Steps had their Count Down to Kindergarten get together last week. They signed up 102 children. This year, it was held at St. John's UMC and they had a great turnout. Lancaster and Rock Hill Libraries were there, along with Williams & Fudge, giving out school supplies. First Steps will have two interns for the year, who will be helping with preschool children's service needs and agency visits. Baby Net was housed in DHEC for 10 years, but now has moved to Clover's Resource Center. Dr. Sosne and Nina found office space for them. David would like to see a direct correlation between Baby Net and all of the Resource Centers. With the teenage parent's vouchers, 15 parents received scholarships for childcare. The parents have to pay only \$10 a week for childcare and have to take parenting classes. Nina told a story about three Clover teen parents. They all had the grades to graduate, but had missed too many days. Nina gave David the information on these girls and David found scholarships for childcare, so they could go to attendance recovery and graduate. David met with Dr. Epps and said he was very positive about ELP and looked forward to growing relationships with the agency. He knows the importance of early intervention.

Treasurer Report- Suzanne Harnois went over the budget. She told the Board that Leigh Ann had resigned and ELP will be looking for a new part-time bookkeeper. John Gettys met with the auditor a couple of weeks ago.

Total Assets, Liabilities and Capital	\$ 85,127.38
Total YTD Revenue	312,768.01
Total YTD Expenses	350,501.08
Net Income	\$(37,733.07)

Medical Clinics Report- Teresa went over the Medical Clinic total year numbers. In 2010-11, the clinics served 1,451 and last year that number increased to 1,785. She explained to the new members that our medical clinics are full service clinics for uninsured school aged children. Teresa will be meeting with Phillip Land on August 30th and giving him a tour of the Rock Hill Resource Center.

Next Meeting- September 11, 2012 at the Fort Mill Family Resource Center.