

May 13, 2014  
Early Learning Partnership  
Board Meeting Minutes  
York School District I Office

Members present: Sylvia Echols, Chuck Epps, Tom Faulkenberry, John Gettys, Sue Gover, Ellen Green, Suzanne Harnois, Susie Hinton, David Lisk, Kimberly McIntire, Susan Martoccia, Susan Miskelly, Miguel Rullan, Marie Spearman, Jim Vining  
Staff: Teresa Creech, Shannon League, Cindy Hunt, Penny Sanders

John Gettys called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

Motion was made by Susie Hinton and seconded by Jim Vining that the MOU pass. The Board voted and it was passed.

Resource Center Report- Penny Sanders

York Resource Center has served 70 families and 81 children with the Parents as Teachers Program for the 2013-14 school year. The majority of families received 2 home visits each month, but may have received more depending upon the needs of the family. This school year family educators have provided 842 home visits and completed 179 developmental screenings for enrolled families. We have provided 23 group meeting/drop in and plays and provided information for Head Start Meetings for a total of 338 parents and children.

1,285 newsletters are provided for parents each month. Parents are also provided with monthly posters on safety, which are provided by the Children's Trust of SC in collaboration with Safe Kids and DSS.

We have provided Benefit Bank services to 10 clients who were applying for Medicaid and SNAP benefits.

Parenting Partnerships in collaboration with Bright Beginnings have provided three sets of parent education classes.

Applications were received and toys and food boxes were distributed for the Sleigh Bell Network, which is collaboration with WHRI radio, York Co. United Way, Second Harvest Food Bank and Parenting Partnerships Family Resource Center. 225 parents and 528 children were served through the Sleigh Bell Network this school year.

On March 6, the staff attended a Safe Sleep Summit and received information on the importance of sleeping safely which affects babies, young children and the entire family.

On May 1, Parenting Partnerships staff attended a day of Parenting Professional Development in Columbia. On May 15, I will attend Trauma Informed Care Training at Castle Heights Middle School.

May 29, 30 and June 2, we will host Dial 3 training for 150 students who have registered for four year old kindergarten.

Head Start, Adult Education and English classes end on May 15 for the school year. Adult Education and English Literacy classes will resume for the summer on May 27 and end on July 10.

First Steps Report-

1. First Steps Reauthorization
  - a. The legislation has passed the State House and the Senate Education Committee. The next step is the full Senate and should pass in the next couple of weeks once the budget debates are completed.

- b. Prospects for passage with minimal changes to the bill are good and thanks to everyone that provided support with our Legislators.
  - c. Main changes from the original 1999 bill include:
    - i. Permanent status with no further need for reauthorizations
    - ii. More flexibility in local Board member makeup
    - iii. Determining a working definition for “School Readiness”
    - iv. With the Department of Education, determine a state wide assessment test to measure school readiness for children entering kindergarten.
2. Countdown to Kindergarten
- a. CTK Celebration in downtown Rock Hill is set for Thursday evening, August 7 from 5-7 pm.
  - b. YCFS will provide meal for the children and families that we served with home visits from 4 to 5.
  - c. Local grants and support from Sisters of Mercy, the United Way of York County, and the York, Clover, Rock Hill and Fort Mill School Districts enabled us to serve 160 at risk rising kindergarten children and their families.
3. Child Care Rating System
- a. In the coming months we will be working with the Spartanburg County First Steps to explore the expansion of a Child Care Provider rating system to York County.
  - b. Spartanburg was been piloting a program for the last couple of years that provides technical assistance to child care providers to elevate the quality of their services in a more rigorous manner than the current DSS/ABC Rating System. The current system is voluntary and tied to receiving child care subsidies.

Treasurer’s Report- Suzanne Harnois

Total Assets, Liabilities and Capital	88,753.99
Total YTD Revenue	248,553.51
Total YTD Expenses	231,727.67
Net Income	\$ 16,825.84

Executive Director Report- Teresa Creech

Rotary Club of Rock Hill has awarded ELP the 3 Year Signature Charity grant for placing “Little Free Libraries” in the Rock Hill community. More details to follow.

ELP received the Champions of Children statewide award presented by the Institute for Child Success in Greenville, SC on April 29<sup>th</sup>. See attached picture.

Resolute Forest Products will be donating \$5000 to ELP for our literacy efforts.

Dine for Dollars- Groucho’s Deli donated \$300 to ELP.

Received our monthly \$500 donation from EW Process of Fort Mill.

Received \$7,843 from SCDHHS for the Med Clinic as part of the free clinic proviso.

Received \$17,823 from Blue Cross Blue Shield Fdn for the Med Clinic as part of the SC Free Clinic Association.

Will receive \$25,000 from SCDHHS in mid-May for the Med Clinic as part of the free clinic proviso.

Will receive \$5000 from the York County Community Fdn for the Med Clinic.

Received various United Way designation checks for a total of \$4,158 for unrestricted use.

Received the Tenet-Piedmont Medical Center (\$2,500-Med Clinic) and United Way(\$1,750-DPIL) quarterly designations.

Sent a mailing to 390 churches in York County asking for Coins for Kids contributions. Please contact churches you are familiar with in your area. See attached letter.

Attended the Institute for Child Success "think tank" on defining School Readiness.

Krispy Kreme Run: Received contract from Krispy Kreme. Date: Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Partnering with Winthrop University. More exciting details in August!

Working with Catawba Care and Servcom on the Electronic Health Records technology set up in each of the four med clinic sites.

Med Clinic: Staff will be doing an inventory of all four sites and an inventory of all paper files in the month of June as they prepare to close for the month of July.

I will be attending the SC Free Clinic Association Directors' meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> in Columbia.

Intern Rhonda Beaufort graduates on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Shannon and I took her to Lunch to celebrate. She was a delight for us. She will be working with the 4-H STEM program of Chester, SC.

I will be on vacation the week of May 26<sup>th</sup>. Shannon will be in the office that week. During the summer months, ELP will follow the Winthrop schedule with reduced hours. Always feel free to contact me by my cell phone (803-984-6180) at any time.

Last, but not least...Thank you to John Gettys-Exec President and Jim Vining, Exec Past President for their service on ELP Exec. John will be rotating on as Exec Past President and Jim will be returning to serve as a Board member.

March into Literacy Mailing- Received a total of \$3,360.

Received \$25,000 from the SC State Treasurer and \$7,800 last week to support the Medical Center, plus \$2,500 quarterly. SOM will call next week. Turned in grants to Target and Walmart for \$2,000. Balance is about \$134,000 to the end of the year.

John recognized Executive Board Members for next year: Ouida Dest- President, Julie Neely- Vice President, Ellen Green- Secretary, and Marie Spearman- Treasurer.

Teresa recognized board members that are rotating off: Dr. Epps, Suzanne, Susan and Susan.

Thanked John for serving as President. Teresa showed off the plaque that ELP received from the Institute of Child's Success.

Sylvia talked about The Champion of Children Award and how success for young children is so important. South Carolina is up for big grants from big corporations for this campaign.

ELP will not be meeting in June or July for board meetings.

Upcoming Events:     \*Catawba Care's Dazzle & Denim- Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>- 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm  
                                  Magnolia Room at Laurel Creek  
                                  \* Newk's Day- Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> ALL DAY!