

March 16, 2016  
The Early Learning Partnership of York County  
Clover Family Resource Center

**Members present:** Sherri Ciurlik, Ouida Dest, Sylvia Echols, Tom Faulkenberry, Sue Gover, Ellen Green, David Lisk, Gene Martin, Susan Miskelly, Julie Neeley, Karen Otteni, Vernon Prosser, Miguel Rullan, Marie Spearman, Chip Smith, Jim Vining, Nina Feemster, Penny Sanders, Teresa Creech and Shannon League

Ouida started the meeting at 8:30 am.

**Financial Report-**

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| Total Assets, Liabilities and Capital | \$ 118,728.16 |
| Total YTD Revenue                     | \$ 107,884.14 |
| Total YTD Expenses                    | \$ 103,777.06 |
| Net Income                            | \$ 4,107.08   |

**First Steps Report-** David Lisk

1. Nurse Family Partnership
  - a. Collecting applications for nurses and a Nurse Supervisor for implementing NFP in our community in the coming weeks.
  - b. Working with Lisa Skinner, NFP Business Development Manager, to meet with State Legislators to discuss adding a NFP/York, Chester, Lancaster line to the State Budget to assist with scale up to full capacity.
  - c. Prospects are slim for any movement this year on an addition to the budget but it could yield funds in the next session since we are in a unique situation.
2. Early HeadStart Partnerships with Child Care Centers
  - a. The House of Joy in Rock Hill will be our initial EHS expansion partner in York County with 2 classrooms for 16 total children.
  - b. There is a need for a Family Advocate to be hired to provide comprehensive referrals and services for the families enrolled. This position will be split between York and Newberry County initially but will be hired by YCFS and their primary office will be in York.
  - c. Anyone interested in this position can contact me as well.
3. Early Childhood Conference
  - a. Kimberly P. Johnson will be our Keynote Speaker this year at our Conference on March 19.
  - b. We have between 175 and 200 child care providers signed up for the session this coming Saturday.

David added that the Nurse Supervisor job has been posted. This position will be housed in office space in York (thanks to Dr. Prosser)

**Parenting Partnerships Report-** Nina Feemster

- We currently have 46 enrolled **Parents as Teachers** families.
- We have conducted approximately 400 home visits this school year.
- Eight families have been assisted with Medicaid & Food Stamp applications through our status as a **The Benefit Bank** site.
- **Music & Me** classes were held each Thursday in February through the first Thursday in March. Due to the increase in enrollment, we held 2 one hour classes each day.

- Conducted parenting classes for DSS referred families in January, jointly with Penny Sanders.
- **Love & Logic Parenting Classes** were held each Tuesday evening from 6 - 8, Feb. 9 – March 8.
- Preparing for **Pre-K screenings** to be held at Bright Beginnings March 21 – 23.
- **Affinity Health Center** has added an additional half day to the Clover site. Services are now provided on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Twenty Five – thirty patients are served weekly at the Clover site.
- Supplied Pajamas to needy children in February and March through our partnership with Clover Area Assistance Center.

### **Executive Director's Report**- Teresa Creech

- SCANPO conference March 9 – 11. Great Networking and Educational Workshops. 700 in attendance.
- Dr. Martha Edwards and I will be Presenters at the Reach Out and Read Seminar on April 11<sup>th</sup> in Hickory, NC.
- Saturday, April 16, JWL has invited ELP to participate in their Brunch Boutique-10am at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Tickets are available through JWL members.
- Fleece Blankets project with local churches and volunteers.
- Little Free Library #4 by the Rock Hill Rotary – will be placed at the Kenneth Monroe AME Transformation Center on Saluda Street-RH.
- Met with the Community reps from Carolinas Healthcare System to build support for ROAR.

### **Grants/Evaluations:**

- Springs Close Foundation grant submitted for ROAR.
- JWL grant submitted for ROAR.
- United Way grant submitted. Site visit on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Foundation for a Healthy Carolina grant due by March 24.
- Compiling a list of Grant opportunities and timeframes.

### **KKRace-Run4Reading:**

- Still waiting for final checks to come into the office. I am estimating that we made approximately \$20,000.
- Need to determine Race date for next year and get on Race Company calendar. Should we move forward a few weeks to March? Opinions? March 11<sup>th</sup>? Must notify City of Rock Hill asap.

### **Items to Discuss and Get on Calendar:**

- Strategic Planning: follow up work, committees, etc.
- Evaluate Programs: what's working, should we delete or add? Funding? New ideas- Laundrymats, barbers, police departments, etc. Rename DPIL? Opinions?
- Salary Study/Job Descriptions/Performance Review(6 months)-Work done by Exec Committee.
- Budget Work (ELP and Programs) for 2016-17: new ELP budget by April to review with Board and corrections by May for a Board vote
- Board Member Orientation Packet: list requirements, use to recruit new members, review with everyone in August/September
- Social Media –Marketing
- New Website, logo work, branding, storytelling, etc.
- Endowment set up – FFTC?
- Board Members- terms to expire off Board, add new members.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am- JWL Brunch Boutique

### **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am- LEAP Fort Mill Resource Center