



Community Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023

Time: 2 pm

Location: Zoom

Meeting Agenda

Committee purpose: The Committee's objective is to successfully support the Family Connects North Carolina, Southeastern Region program by providing leadership, community involvement, engagement, and sustainable funding.

Committee principles: The Committee collaborates with community partners who seek to ensure the program's success in Cumberland, Hoke, and Robeson Counties. The primary roles are to provide advice and support on decisions affecting the program implementation and sustainability in key areas.

- 1) Determination of Quorum (5 voting members) & Call to Order*
 - a) Welcome/Chair Comments
 - b) Member Introductions (if applicable)
- 2) Review of and Approval of Minutes*
 - a) April 4th, 2023
- 3) Program Updates
 - a) Updates on births/visits – 4C Team
 - b) Administrative/Marketing – Sharon
 - c) Updates from PFC/FC team – Liz
 - d) Other updates
- 4) Community Discussion
 - a) Continued discussion regarding bereavement
 - b) Continued discussion regarding housing/food/ low-income resources
- 5) Other Business
 - a) Announcements from committee members

6) Adjournment*

Upcoming Meeting Dates: June 6th, No July meeting

All meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of the month, from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

* Needs Action ! Possible Conflict of Interest (Recusals)

Unless otherwise indicated by a symbol above, agenda items are for Information Only



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April 4, 2023 (2:03 – 2:50 PM)
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COMMITTEE CHAIR: Dr. Meredith Gronski

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Meredith Gronski, Kristin "Bella" Bautista, April Oxendine, Amy Navejas, Jean Frye, Terrasine Gardner, Delores Long, Rhiannon Chavis-Wanson, Aida Algarin, Erica J Little, Tiera Beale

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chasity Lindsey, Dania Benners, Dee Lipumano, Demetris West, Jowana Clinkscales, Kathleen Bloomfield, Kathya Gavazzi, Martina Sconiers-Talbert, Melanie Levine, Nina Torelli, Rhonda Dial, Shadonna Headen, Sharkara McDonald, Susan Kornett, Dr. Sushma Kapoor, Darryl Young, Jean Squire, Pamela Federline, Dr. Jarold "Tom" Johnston, Dr. Jennifer Green, Michele Falls, Karelys Pereira

NON-VOTING ATTENDEES: Cacilie Glasgow-LeBatard, Dr. Rita Gunter, Camille Cano, Ben Hughes, Von James, Sharon Moyer, Elizabeth Simpler, Lakia Washington, Rhiannon Chavis-Wanson

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION & RECOMMENDATION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1) Determination of Quorum & Call to Order* a) Welcome/Chair Comments b) Introductions	The scheduled meeting of the Community Advisory Committee was held via Zoom on April 4, 2023. Determining of quorum (5) was present, Dr. Meredith Gronski, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm and welcomed all the committee members.	Called to Order None	None None
2) Approval of Minutes* a) Minutes from March 7th, 2023	Dr. Gronski called for review and approval of the March 7, 2023, minutes.	Minutes Passed	None
3) Program Updates a) Updates on births/visits – 4C Team	Cacilie updated that: Visits began the end of October, 2021, since then there have been 5,322 births, 4,612 eligible births, with 710 out of catchment births. 1,924 visits have been completed totaling 42% of the births. Of those, 333 were in home visits, while 1,591 were telehealth visits. There has been a total of 4,840 referrals completed. The nurses are fully staffed with 7 full time nurses and 2 part time nurses and two supervisors.	None	None



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<p>b) Administrative/Marketing – Sharon/ Mary</p> <p>c) Updates from PFC/FC team</p> <p>d) Other updates</p>	<p>Sharon updated that: Family Connects was presented in two videos, one of which was an overview of the program while the other focused on the Southeastern region. The FC Southeastern video was shared during the meeting. From the administrative standpoint, Mary and Sharon are working on funding the program.</p> <p>Liz updated that: The FC team is focused on finding new resources. She will visit DSS at the end of the month to discuss helping families with Medicaid and SNAP.</p> <p>Cacilie stated that in March, we focused on bereavement support for families. This then became the topic for the meeting’s committee discussion.</p>		
<p>4) Committee Discussion</p>	<p>Bereavement support within the community was discussed, with a focus on resources available and lack of. Liz provided context on what is going on in the area with a rising number of bereavement cases and called for members to assist if able to do so. As of now, there are few resources for families of low socioeconomic status going through bereavement. The biggest needs for families are mental health support and bereavement planning. A major concern is what happens to the child’s remains after the loss and the high expenses for funerals. The committee is working to compile a list of funeral homes and places that provide support to families, in addition to a list of special services and pro bono work to families of low socioeconomic status for families.</p> <p>There have been changes in the community with support for families with infants facing homelessness. Many organizations are out of funds or do not have space for families. Temporary relief can be applied for via NCCARE 360</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>5) Other Business</p> <p>a) Announcements from committee members</p>	<p>Terrasine provided an update on an incoming event. There will be a Lupus awareness event held in the community and baby goods will be distributed there in Spring Lake on May 20th.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>



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	<p>Aida shared that on April 15th, the Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect (PECAN) Conference will be held.</p> <p>Additionally, on October 7th, Postpartum Support International will be hosting the Climb out of the Darkness, an event that raises funds for maternal and paternal mental health awareness. This event coincides with the North Carolina Birth and baby expo.</p> <p>Delores announced that DSS would be partnering with a biological parent support group for parents navigating through the foster system.</p>		
6) Adjournment	As there was no further business, Dr. Gronski reminded the attendees that the next meeting is Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 2:00 pm. And June 6, no meeting in July. She adjourned the meeting at 2:50pm.	Adjourned	None

Submittal: The minutes of the above stated meeting are submitted for approval.

_____ Secretary of Meeting _____ Date

Approval: Based on Committee consensus, the minutes of the above stated meeting are hereby approved as presented and/or corrected.

_____ Committee Chair _____ Date