



## Community Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday, June 6th, 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) May 2nd, 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) Food resources- brainstorming on how to get families in need food
- 5) Other Business
  - a) Announcements from committee members

6) Adjournment\*

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:**. 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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**Virtual Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**May 2, 2023 (2:02 – 2:56PM)**  
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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, Tom Johnston, Kathya Gavazzi

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chasity Lindsey, Dania Benners, Dee Lipumano, Demetris West, Jowana Clinkscales, Kathleen Bloomfield, 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, Ben Hughes

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

**PRESENT:** Aida Algarin, Cacilie Glasgow-LeBatard, Tom Johnston, Meredith Gronski, Sharon Moyer, Rita Gunter, Erica J. Little, Lakia Washington, Von James, Tiera Beale, Jennifer Green, Delores Long, Kathy Gavazzi, Camille Cano, Rhonda Dial, Jean Frye

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 May 2, 2023. Determining of quorum (5) was present, Dr. Meredith Gronski, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:02 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 April 4, 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 with total births being calculated to 5,564. 742 births were out of catchment. 4,822 families were eligible for services with 2,048 visits done	None	None

	<p>completed. Visits in the home amounted to 369. At the moment visits were at 42% completion. 49 families have been assessed however the cases remain open, amounting to 1% of the total. 136 visits are pending, amounting to 3% of eligible births. 2,233 families accepted services, amounting to 46% of the eligible births. A total of 5,572 referrals have been made. 4C remains fully staffed with seven full time, and two part time nurses. FCI has been pushing to reduce documentation fields for the convenience for the nurses, however 4C is looking to add questions and fields back in as there were conflicts.</p> <p>Dr Gunter: Child fatality committee of Cumberland county gets funding to use to prevent child fatality in Cumberland county. The committee is working to pass out goods in community to promote safe sleep. Recommendations are being found on what can be done to address the community's need such as Family Connects visits and referrals, thermometers, refrigeration magnets outlining the 5 steps of safe sleep, carbon monoxide detectors, and car seats. The seats are being donated to Family Connects in addition to 25 pack and plays. The health department is also promoting safety with buckling car seats and donating 10 of them. In addition, there is a new initiative taking place to prevent gun violence with information being provided on safe firearm storage. The goods are being stored at the Cumberland County Department of Public Health and Debbie Jenkins can be contacted in order to coordinate distribution.</p>		
b) Administrative/Marketing – Sharon/ Mary	<p>Sharon reported that in regards to marketing there have been no changes.</p> <p>From an administrative standpoint with Sharon, as Mary was absent. Currently there is still a search for funding, Family Connects is in governor's budget. There was an advocacy day led on April 18<sup>th</sup> by Family Connects and Sharon spoke with lawmakers and senator McGuiness, at which he asked how much funding is needed. The main concern is to fill the gap when PDG funding ends in November. Community foundation funding ends December of 2024, and there is a need to fill the gap between November of 2023 and June of 2024. Smart start funding resumes in July of 2024.</p> <p>Sharon was present at the Smart Start conference held in the last week of April with Family Connects International and gave a presentation. Sharon also spoke with the BCBS foundation representative present and there was an interest in Family Connects.</p>		
c) Updates from PFC/FC team	<p>Liz updated that: The committee for bereavement will be meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Camille is working on a sheet with funeral home resources comparing services, costs available, and financial assistance if offered. Sharon mentioned a funeral home Jernigan-Warren, that provides cremation services pro bono. Family Connects is looking into churches to help with finding services, as one in the community is able to provide family with a service regardless of faith. The Cape Fear Valley Hospital Foundation at cape fear does provide financial assistance and can cover up to \$250 of the costs.</p>		



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d) Other updates	<p>One housing complex in the community has offered to help with families in need of housing or related resources. Ben is also currently working on the impact report.</p> <p>Family Connects is working to organize support groups for families with peer to peer support. The support groups will be targeting families with infants primarily. One mom that has received services from Family Connects, has offered to facilitate. Liz called for any committee members to facilitate a session if interested</p> <p>There has been an uptick in Haitian families moving into the community and some churches have been assisting with accommodating them and providing support.</p> <p>Families of low-income status are struggling with transportation on a daily basis, Family Connects is working on creating a transportation work group.</p> <p>Sharon updated that the bus remains free of charge in Fayetteville until July 1<sup>st</sup>, however there are reduced and free fares. There is also a Rideshare program provided by Cumberland county. Individuals residing outside of city or on the bus route can fill out an application if qualified and will receive services on a sliding scale. Via this program, individuals can be transported to and from their jobs and appointments. If individuals are coming to the Health Department on Ramsey St, the WIC office in Hope Mills, or WIC in Spring Lake, there is a program with Uber, covering Hope Mills, Spring Lake,</p> <p>Tom Johnston shared that there is a Medicaid program offered through Healthy Blue has bus that provides transportation for patients. Karen Wicker at Blue Cross is planning to establish a mobile unit for breastfeeding and women’s health, per Tom she can be contacted at: (919)-867-4956. Blue Cross would like to establish a partner for this initiative.</p>		
4) Committee Discussion	Liz stated that Family Connects Southeastern is working on compiling resources in the community and distributing them to meeting attendees. Resources include food, transportation, and financial assistance.	None	None
5) Other Business a) Announcements from committee members	Mary shared a notice provided by DHHS as the benefits that families have been receiving through COVID assistance will be changing. Benefits changes will be taking place for Medicaid, WIC, and FNS. To continue to receive benefits, families either have to requalify or will lose benefits.	None	None



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	<p>Jennifer Green stated that: WIC appointments at the health department will be resuming to in person on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Additionally, at the moment there is a senate bill and house bill on the table in North Carolina which would impact consent for minors to receive services regarding immunizations, contraceptives, and communicable diseases. The Health Department is monitoring these changes and how they may affect the community.</p> <p>Tiera Beale added that through Amerihealth there is a wellness center on Raeford Rd which offers free services including a birthing preparation and parenting class that is offered once a month.</p>		
6) Adjournment	As there was no further business, Dr. Gronski reminded the attendees that the next meeting is at 2PM on June 6, no meeting in July. She adjourned the meeting at 2:56pm.	Adjourned	None

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

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Secretary of Meeting

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Date

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

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Committee Chair

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Date