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OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY



### Community Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday, October 3rd, 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.

- I) 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) September 5<sup>th</sup>, 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) Lactation discussion (continued-month 3)
  - b) Perinatal Health Strategic Plan from NCDHHS/ Town Hall
    - i) Recap and discussion







- 5) Other Business
  - a) Announcements from committee members
- 6) Adjournment\*

<u>Upcoming Meeting Dates for 2023-2024:</u> November 7<sup>th</sup>, December 5<sup>th</sup>, January TBD, February 6<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>

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



# Partnership for Children of Cumberland County, Inc. Virtual Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 5, 2023 (2:05 – 3:04PM) Be the Driving Force



**COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Terrasine Gardner

PRESENT: Camille Cano, Elizabeth Simpler, Meredith Gronski, Cacilie Glasgow-LeBatard, Lakia Washington, Rita Gunter, Amy Navejas, Von James, Sharon Moyer, Michele Falls, Ben Hughes, Tom Johnston, Jean Frye, Bella Bautista, April Oxendine, Jennifer Green, Kathleen Bloomfield, Darryl Young, , Lisa Peterson, MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathy Gavazzi, Tiera Biel, Chasity Lindsey, Dania Benners, Dee Lipumano, Demetris West, Jowana Clinkscales, Martina Sconiers-Talbert, Melanie Levine, Nina Torelli, Shadonna Headen, Sharkara McDonald, Susan Kornett, Dr. Sushma Kapoor, Jean Squire, Pamela Federline, Karelys Pereira, Mary Sonnenberg, Erica Little, Rhiannon Chavis Wanson, Jessica Lowery-Clark

**NON-VOTING ATTENDEES:** Camille Cano, Elizabeth Simpler, Cacilie Glasgow-LeBatard, Lakia Washington, Rita Gunter, Von James, Sharon Moyer, Ben Hughes **VOTING ATTENDEES:** Michele Falls, Tom Johnston, Jean Frye, Bella Bautista, April Oxendine, Jennifer Green, Kathleen Bloomfield, Amy Navejas, Meredith Gronski

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION & RECOMMENDATION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Determination of Quorum & Call to Order*     a) Welcome/Chair Comments	The scheduled meeting of the Community Advisory Committee was held via Zoom on September 5, 2023. Both Terrasine and Liz were facilitating the meeting. Determining of quorum (5) was present, Elizabeth, called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm and welcomed all the committee members.	Called to Order	None
b) Introductions	Katherine Bloomfield introduced herself to the group.	None	None
Approval of Minutes*     a) Minutes from August 1, 2023	Terrasine called for review and approval of the August 1 2023, minutes.	Minutes Passed	None
3) Program Updates		None	None
a) Updates on births/visits – 4C Team	Cacilie updated that:		
	Visits began the end of October, 2021 with total births being calculated to 8,623. 917 births were out of catchment. 5,906 families were eligible for services with 2,575 visits completed		



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	amounting to 44% of the eligible births. 515 home visits have been done. The number of cases still open are 42, amounting to 1%. 144 cases are pending at the moment. The number of families which have accepted visits are 2,761. A total of 8.093 referrals have been made. 4C remains fully staffed with seven full time, and one part time nurse.	
b) Administrative/Marketing – Sharon/ Mary	Sharon updated that the bedside cards for the Family Connects program have been updated. When speaking with the Northwest pilot program in North Carolina, they had discussed changing the verbiage that could be used when describing the program to families. This would make the clarification that Family Connects provides support for a 12 week long postpartum period instead of providing a drop in nurse visit. Some funding will be coming to an end come November 30 <sup>th</sup> however there is smart start money that will continue to maintain the program. Various funding options and program model options are being taken into consideration.	
	Ben shared the new bedside cards to the group and explained that the new card will be covering the main benefits of the program instead of the prior one which had listed a variety of them. The cards that are to be handed to medical providers in the community have also been changed to focus on what it means to be a new parent. This will be making it much more relatable for families.	
c) Updates from PFC/FC team	Liz updated that the Family Connects team is interested in looking into metrics for the program, looking into a month-by-month basis. Liz suggested that during one meeting those statistics could be presented in depth. The Family Connects team will be attending the event Little Land on The Farm, sponsored by the Partnership for Children of Cumberland County. The team will also be attending a pediatric summit for SRHEC, and the NC Birth and Baby Summit which will be held in October. Lactation challenges and housing concerns are still showing to be the most prevalent concerns within the community. Goody bundles will be given to families including diapers and other items to support families.	



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d) Other updates			
4) Committee Discussion	Liz stated that there has been more concern expressed towards breastfeeding and lactation support in Robeson County. Formula feeding is more prevalent in the community and families are in need of resources. The Healthy Start program could alleviate those concerns however certification and insurance barriers are in place. Tom has been providing lactation assistance to families and is available for both telehealth and in person visits. The Family Connects program has been working to identify the sources of information that families have been consuming regarding feeding. Majority of the underage mothers prefer to formula feed instead of breastfeed.  Jennfer stated that Veteran Services are willing to assist in supporting new families with breastfeeding.  As per Tom, majority of mother make decisions on feeding while they are still pregnant, using advice typically provided by their medical practitioners. Cacilie added on that conversations regarding contraception need to be taking place with health practitioners prior to childbirth as well. The group agreed that having providers provide education preliminarily could assist with helping mothers make the best decision for themselves.  Kathleen shared that she had experience with a program that provided lactation consultants for expecting mothers and is interested in possibly bringing that model to Wilmington.  Jennifer shared that the health department is preparing to host the breastfeeding coalition which will address maternal mortality, assist with training OBGYN offices around cultural competency and breastfeeding.  Dr. Gunter stated that in pediatric appointments there are conversations taking place regarding breastfeeding however they are more effective in the early on appointments versus waiting until later when a regimen has already been established.  Kathleen shared with the committee a presentation on the "I Gave Birth" initiative that will begin in the hospital but transition into the outpatient process for new mothers. The	None	None
	initiative works to help patients identify post birth warning signs in order to advocate for		



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	themselves while working with providers to provide the best care possible. Birthing people will be given bracelets to wear until their six weeks postpartum visit, reminding the patient that they still are at risk and to take action.		
	Jennifer followed up that the health department does have funding and that they would like		
	to collaborate on the message.		
5) Other Business			
a) Announcements from committee members		None	None
6) Adjournment	The attendees were reminded that the next meeting will be on October $3^{\rm rd}$ . The meeting was adjourned by Meredith at 3:04PM .	Adjourned	None
Submittal: The minutes of the above stated mee	ting are submitted for approval.  Secretary of Meeting Date		
Approval: Based on Committee consensus, the mare hereby approved as presented and/or corrected			
	Committee Chair Date		_