



## Community Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday, September 5th, 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) August 1st, 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)

- 5) Other Business
  - a) Announcements from committee members

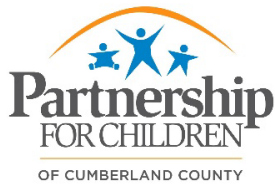
- 6) Adjournment\*

**Upcoming Meeting Dates for 2023-2024:** October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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



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**COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Terrasine Gardner

**PRESENT:** Camille Cano, Elizabeth Simpler, Meredith Gronski, Cacilie Glasgow-LeBatard, Kathy Gavazzi, Lakia Washington, Rita Gunter, Amy Navejas, Von James, Rhiannon Chavis-Wanson, Tom Johnson, Jean Frye, Mary Sonnenberg, Jennifer Green, Sharon Moyer, April Oxendine, Erica Little, Shakara McDonald, Rhonda Dial, Bella Bautista

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chasity Lindsey, Dania Benners, Dee Lipumano, Demetris West, Jowana Clinkscales, Kathleen Bloomfield, Martina Sconiers-Talbert, Melanie Levine, Nina Torelli, Shadonna Headen, , Susan Kornett, Dr. Sushma Kapoor, Darryl Young, Jean Squire, Pamela Federline, Michele Falls, Karelys Pereira

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

**VOTING ATTENDEES:** Tom Johnson, Jean Frye, Jennifer Green, April Oxendine, Erica Little, Shakara McDonald, Amy Navejas, Bella Bautista, Rhonda Dial

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 June 6, 2023. Determining of quorum (5) was present, Terrasine Gardner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm and welcomed all the committee members.	Called to Order  None	None  None
2) Approval of Minutes* a) Minutes from May 2nd, 2023	Terrasine called for review and approval of the June 3, 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 6,202. 826births were out of catchment. 5,376 families were eligible for services with 2,324 visits completed.	None	None





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d) Other updates			
4) Committee Discussion	<p>Liz stated that there has been concern expressed towards breastfeeding and lactation support in Robeson County.</p> <p>Erica Little updated that there is a breastfeeding class taking place at the hospital and that there is a lactation consultant available at Healthy Start in Robeson County. The only criteria are that mothers must reside in the county and are currently expecting a child or are up to 18 months postpartum. There is someone available to volunteer in order to support mothers in the community that are not enrolled in the program available in Robeson.</p> <p>Terrasine suggested that resources within the health department could potentially be leveraged in order to provide breastfeeding support.</p> <p>Tom shared that it is oftentimes difficult to have people attend sessions for lactation classes or support. In response to this he offered to provide online consultations to individuals that would not be able to attend in person. Additionally, there are very few consultants in the area. Tricare is the only insurance provider which covers these visits, leaving families out of network having to pay out of pocket. Tom offered to train individuals trying to get certified in order to bridge the gap in access to providers, however funding is needed in order to do so.</p> <p>Jean updated that in Hoke County, one of their occupational therapists is going to get her certification as a lactation consultant.</p> <p>Liz called for the group to identify short term solutions for the barriers in place that prevent families from getting lactation support.</p> <p>Erica stated that in Robeson County there have been scholarships available for trainings and would be able to check that those funds can be used towards lactation support.</p> <p>Sharon asked Jennifer if some of the funding available at the health department could be allocated towards lactation consultants and support. Jennifer said that WIC staff may have support for individuals but families would have to be enrolled in the program. Jennifer has also offered to reach out to health education staff in Hoke and Robeson. Free meals, transportation, and gift cards have been offered to incentivize people to attend classes on breastfeeding and support however participant numbers have been very low. and people still are not showing up. The health department plans on incentivizing childbirth classes.</p>	None	None



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	Tom suggested that he could train individuals at the health department that work with WIC. Currently, the 4C nurses with Family Connects are working to get their certifications.		
5) Other Business a) Announcements from committee members	Tom is in need of participants for an upcoming project that studies the lactation assessment care tool in order to predict breastfeeding success. At the moment, data is being collected on validation for live babies. Tom is also looking for partners that may have interest in working in data collection, ideally Cape Fear Valley Hospital and the nurses from 4C. Tom wants to partner with CFVHS and the 4C nurses to assist with data collection.	None	None
6) Adjournment	The attendees were reminded that the next meeting will be on September 5 <sup>th</sup> . The meeting was adjourned at 3:07PM	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