

MINUTES

Committee Members in attendance: Al Whitesides, Brandy Bowman, Glenda Weinert, Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Kit Cramer, Leslie Anderson, Linda McDaniels, Mistie Reising-Cogbill, Philip Belcher, Rich Johnston, Robert Pressley, Susan Mims, Wendy Wieber

County support staff in attendance: Rachael Nygaard, Michael Frue, Burnett Walz, Trish Wallin, Angelyn Johnson, Rasheeda McDaniels, DK Wesley, Abby Moser

Others in attendance: Katlyn Guyer, Susanna Smith, Pepi Acebo, Brian Repass, Sunshine Request

Welcome and agenda review by Jasmine Beach-Ferrara.

Virtual meeting reminder: Identify yourself when speaking. All votes will be conducted by roll call. This is a public meeting. If any community members are in attendance, there will be a time for public comment at the end of the meeting.

Minutes

Philip Belcher made a motion to approve the minutes from May 18. Al Whitesides seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote

Old Business

- Reflections on FY2022 Grant Process
 - Overall not many changes suggested to the process
 - Several folks commented on the essential and complicated nature of multi-year funding. We need to clearly represent how multi-year grants are accounted for in the current period funding total and ensure that all committee members understand how they are represented in the total.
 - Several comments were made that the process seemed more efficient this year and the revised/streamlined application was a good change
 - Public/grantee engagement was good and we need to continue build and expand upon this past years efforts moving forward
 - General consensus that staff support in the workshops and One-on-one support was very helpful to applicants
 - Need to define policies for:
 - Will the committee consider changes to a submitted proposal?
 - OP EX limitations to the same organizations for consecutive years?
 - Funding CAP EX projects if the project scope / request amount significantly changes
 - Need to ensure that when a grantee is presenting to the committee that there's adequate time for questions
- Grantee updates: FY2021 wrap-up and FY2022 launch
 - FY2021 ended on June 30, and each grantee has submitted their final reports. These reports are published online (www.buncombecounty.org/grants)

- FY2022 began on July 1. Staff worked with grantees to obtain updated activities, annual targets and budgets based on award amounts. Staff then developed performance based contracts for all grantees. The next step is performance monitoring of all contracts.
- It was suggested that we consider tiered reporting based on the award in future cycles.

New Business

- Committee Roadmap
 - The committee discussed items that they would like to include in the road map for this fiscal year including Committee-Grantee Session. It was suggested that we incorporate input from grantees regarding behavioral supports into the session.
 - The committee would like to conduct site visits again, but would like to develop a plan to not overly burden the grantees.
 - Staff will take the committee's feedback and develop a draft roadmap for review.
- Pre-k expansion
 - The ad hoc group presented their recommendation to the Board of Commissioners
 - The county has contracted with Buncombe County Partnership for Children to develop an expansion plan including model recommendations, projected timeline, costs, etc. They will meet with county staff and this committee regularly during the process. The final report is due by December 31. These recommendations will be considered during the county's budget process and will also inform the next grant cycle.
- FY2022 Committee Officers
 - The Committee Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary need to be elected for the new fiscal year. Committee members need to identify who they would like to nominate and/or if they would be willing to serve in one of these roles. The new officers will be elected during the September meeting.
- In person meetings
 - We had hoped to be able to return to in person meetings for this fiscal year, however, due to the recent spike in COVID cases, the committee will continue to meet virtually for now.

Announcements

- Jasmine Beach-Ferrara announced that the Board of Commissioners would be discussing COVID during their meeting today.

Public Comment

- Pepi Acebo participated with public comment

Next Meeting: Next meeting is September 7 at 1:00 pm.