Early Childhood Education & Development Committee  
February 2, 2021, 1:00 – 2:30  
Virtual Meeting  

DRAFT MINUTES  


County support staff in attendance: Rachael Nygaard, DK Wesley, Michael Frue, Angelyn Johnson, Rasheed McDaniels, Burnett Walz  

Other Guests: Susanna Smith, Dr. Dana Ayers, Marcia Whitney and Sunshine Records  

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.  

Meeting Minutes: Philip Belcher made a motion to approve the minutes from December 1. Susan Mims seconded motion. Vote by roll call vote was unanimous in approval.  

Old Business  

- Grantee reports for the second quarter are available online for committee review. There is one report per project, and it includes a narrative, results, demographics and budget info.  
- Grant process review  
  - Reviewed important dates from roadmap  
  - Staff held a grant writing workshop for grant applicants  
  - Staff are hosting one-on-one grant assistance sessions  
  - Application closes 2/12/2021 at 5:00 pm and staff will send them to the committee as soon as possible  
  - Angelyn will send an email to the committee with the link for the grant software, login instructions, new scoring criteria, etc.  
  - Staff will be available to assist every step of the way.  

New Business  

- Jasmine Beach-Ferrara gave an overview on Universal Pre-K and the committee had a discussion about different options. It was decided to create an ad-hoc Universal Pre-K committee to develop a plan for what it looks like and how we get there. The ad-hoc group would need to have the proposal in early June to present to the Board of Commissioners. The ad-hoc group will include: Wendy Wieber, Mistie Cogbill, Brandy Bowman, Leslie Anderson and Glenda Weinert.  
- Asheville Buncombe Preschool Planning Collaborative (ABPPC) had already put a lot of work into data for universal pre-k. We need to figure out how it fits in with this work, and how to build on that and not duplicate it.
Announcements

- Jasmine recommends everyone check www.buncombeready.org for latest COVID info including vaccine information.

Public Comment

- There was no public comment

Next Meeting: Next meeting is March 2 at 12:30 pm.