MINUTES

Attendees: Carol Steen, Kit Cramer, Mark Taft, Martin Moore, Pam Holcombe, Philip Belcher, Maia Sloan, Al Whitesides, Heather Zanzig (virtual), Leslie Anderson (virtual), Linda McDaniel (virtual), Diana Anthony (virtual)

Absent: Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Mistie Reising-Cogbill, Susan Mims

Staff in attendance: Rachael Sawyer, Sara Joss, Angelyn Johnson, Matthew Baker, Burnett Walz, Angelica Tyler

Welcome

Minutes

- Approval of minutes from April 16, 2024
  - Motion to approve by Al Whitesides. Seconded by Mark Taft. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

New Business

- FY25 Process Review
  - What went well
    - Thank you to all committee members who spent time and effort on thoughtfully reading, evaluating, and recommending project proposals for funding.
  - Areas for improvement
    - How to handle multi-year grants
    - Balancing of factors the committee tries to advance
    - Need for parameters to accurately reflect ECE funding priorities
    - Helpful to have a 5-year plan for the fund while being responsive to factors that arise at the national, state, and local levels
    - Push for state-wide advocacy
    - Ways to respond to big news or center status changes

- Strategic Planning
  - Presentation on 2030 County Strategic Plan process from Strategy & Innovation - Matthew Baker & Burnett Walz
  - Early adoption of plan is currently slated for mid-November 2024.
  - Education Development Areas:
    - Enhance Early Learning: Providing Pre-K support
    - Strengthen Pathways to Adulthood: Enhance opportunities for career pathing
    - Support Adult Learning: Adult literacy and life-long learning
    - Holistically Improve Equity in Education: Improve outcomes across demographic groups

Meeting materials are posted online at www.BuncombeCounty.org/Grants
• Funding Philosophy
  o This will be moved to the August meeting.

• Committee Membership
  o Thank you to the members exiting the committee
    ▪ Kit Cramer
    ▪ Leslie Anderson
    ▪ Mistie Reising-Cogbill
    ▪ Philip Belcher
    ▪ Susan Mims
  o Recruiting for these roles:
    ▪ Business Community or Economic Development Professional
    ▪ Community/At-Large
    ▪ Funder or Community Investment Professional
    ▪ Professor or Higher Education Professional
    ▪ Pediatrician or Medical Professional in service to young children

• Meeting Schedule
  o No meeting in July due to holiday
  o August meeting will be focused on funding philosophy/annual roadmap for FY25.

**Announcements**

**Public Comment**

• Pepi Acebo and Amy Barry made public comments.

**Next Meeting**

There is no committee meeting in July. The next meeting is August 6, 2024, 1:00-2:30 pm, 200 College St, Ground Floor Conference Room

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