



Meeting Notes
Family Success Alliance Council Meeting
Monday, August 22, 2016
Carrboro Century Center

In attendance:

Council: Sheldon Lanier, Sharon Freeland, Penny Rich, Alice Denson, Michael Steiner, Liska Lackey, Colleen Bridger, Robin Pulver, Angela Wilcox, Aviva Scully, Cordelia Heaney, Jake Henry, Mack Koonce, Luke Smith, Bernadette Pelissier, Jen Della Valle, Debra Farrington, Damon Seils, Sarah Vinas, Annette Stone.

Absent: Katrina Solomon, Audrey Spence-Horsley, Nancy Coston, Miguel Munoz, Charles Blackwood, Delores Bailey.

Staff: Melvyn Blackwell, Meredith McMonigle, Beatrice Parker, Angela Clapp, Alizarina Rojas, Mariela Hernandez, Kenyatta Clark, Coby Austin.

Guest: Rose Byrnes, Peg Burchinal, Sam Schiling, Stan Holt, Adam Holland, Roslyn Moffitt.

Welcome

Liska L. started the meeting with a welcome. She welcomed and noted the new members to The Council (Damon Seils, Sarah Vinas, Annette Stone.)

Bright Spots

Sheldon Lanier and Jake Henry reported that the out of school time programs were successful in both of their respected districts, this summer. They both noted that the work of navigators was essential to this success. They also announced that both districts plan to build on this success, with the FSA, next summer.

Peg Burchinal reported the result of UNC's evaluation of the K-readiness program, this summer. She explained data was collected on 41 children, and the specific areas that were assessed. She explained that data was collected in the first and last weeks of the program. She noted that the results presented were preliminary, because a few of the final assessments have not been turned in yet. The only areas in which gains were not larger when initials skills were lower were in counting assessment, teaching ratings of task orientation, and letter naming in English. A complete set of results will be sent later this week by email.

Meredith provided key takeaways from the FSA satisfaction surveys. She informed the Council that generally everyone is very satisfied with the services of the FSA. She noted that 75% of respondents said that FSA was excellent. She also noted the factor that stood out the most was the quality of the relationship with navigators. In open-ended questions, positive comments about navigators outweighed any concerns or suggestions.

Mack and Stan discussed the Efforts to Outcomes shared database system. They explained how this system applied to collective impact. They explained that there will be 35 agencies that will be sharing data in the system. The FSA will receive its training for the system on October 1, 2016.

Colleen provided updates and discussed innovation seed funding for school partners. She announced that schools have until the end of September to submit their application. She noted that the FSA's school contacts as it relates to this fund are Jake and Sheldon.

Strategic Plan

Coby announced that a team of six people including two FSA navigators and two partners will be attending a collective impact workshop in Texas. She explained, United Way funds will be used to finance this workshop. She invited Council members to inform Colleen, Meredith, or herself if they are interested in this opportunity.

Coby discussed the strategic plan and goals. She reviewed a matrix that breaks down the strategic plan. She suggested that Council members be co-chairs of the implementation teams, as the FSA tries to reach their goals identified in the strategic plan. She asked the Council to move to vote to accept and proceed with proposed strategic plan. Luke motioned to vote in favor to proceed with the proposed strategic plan. Colleen seconded the motion. All members present were in favors of the motion.

Coby announced that the FSA received about \$8,000 in proceeds from a yard sale, which was donated by Brinkley Baptist Church.

Council Business

Coby lead the Council in a racial equity tool kit group exercise. Some groups shared what they discussed during the exercise.

Stacy introduced the idea of Hometown Hero nominations. She explained how organizations or people throughout that work in the zones or with the FSA can be recognized through this proposed idea. Stacy noted that this could be a feature in the FSA newsletter, and possibly other press outlets. She encouraged Council members to send her any nominations that they may have.

Liska reminded the Council of the next Council meeting. She reminded the Council to complete meeting evaluation forms. She then adjourned the meeting.