



Meeting Notes
Family Success Alliance Council Meeting
Monday, April 17, 2017
Carrboro Century Center, Carrboro

In attendance:

Council: Liska Lackey, Dorothy Cilenti, Mark Marcoplos, Mia Burroughs, Damon Seils, Ric Burton, Jackie Jenks, Aviva Scully, Alice Denson, Maria Palmer, Cordelia Heaney, Rydell Harrison, Jennifer Weaver, Luke Smith, Annette Lafferty, Robin Pulver, Sharon Freeland, Delores Bailey

Absent: Charles Blackwood, Nancy Coston

Staff: Melvyn Blackwell, Alizarina Rojas, Mariela Hernandez, Kenyatta Clark, Coby Austin, Allison Young, Stacy Shelp, Juliet Sheridan, Beatrice Parker, Meredith McMonigle

Guests: Rose Byrnes, Nick Allen, Kristen L., Katie Boling, Paul Carr

Welcome and Key Organizational Updates

Liska L. began the meeting with a welcome. She acknowledged the new Council members: Mia Burroughs, Terry David, Jackie Jenks, and Dorothy Cilenti (as interim Health Director).

Coby announced the first meeting on defining K-readiness, will be on April 19th, 2017 (3-5pm). She explained the significance measuring readiness and how to put an effort to make sure children and schools are "school ready". She highlighted the topics will be early childhood development, and measures to assess how the systems in place support children. She explained that this meeting is part of an effort to implement the FSA Strategic Plan objective to define and measure Kindergarten Readiness. She noted the next meeting will be in May.

Coby announced that FSA is currently at stage two of the Brady Educational Foundation application process. She commented that we have been allowed to skip straight to the second stage of the application. We are partnering with UNC on this application. This would give us an opportunity to have a three year evaluation of our navigator program starting next spring.

Coby shared a summary of the meeting with Kenan Trust in the morning. She explained how they are interested in continuing to learn more about FSA through joining on a home visit, participating in council meetings, and helping to promote FSA more locally. They also discussed possible future funding opportunities.

Connection with the Mission

Coby led a group exercise for Council Members to get to know one another and for each member to explain what they like most about FSA or what they care about the most as it relates to FSA.

United Way Funding Updates and Partner Highlight

Meredith discussed the FSA collaborative work plan. She noted its goal of collaborating with a community organization which provides services along the cradle to career pipeline. She identified El Futuro as one of those partners. She announced that through the UWGT, El Futuro and other partners will continue to receive funding going into next year. She invited Luke Smith to share a few words. Luke recognized the help of Mariela and the other navigators for their work in the collaboration. He harked on the positive development and growth of the FSA. He showed gratitude to the United Way for funding this collective impact initiative.

Meredith encouraged the Council and partners to attend a partner meeting, held the first Thursday of every month.

Evaluation Overview and Update

Allison and Juliet provided an evaluation overview and recent data analyses. They explained the strategy used for evaluation, its values and status. They reviewed a handout with the Council (evaluation results). They provided a brief overview of the initial plan for newer Council members. The main goals of evaluation are: the context of our work, program success, and tracking that outcome of over time. It was noted that CHCCS has the better academic results as a district. However, data shows that economically disadvantaged children are still not prepared for school. Council members requested additional analyses of school achievement data that look at both race/ethnicity and income.

Juliet announced that FSA is currently working on a BAA for HIPPA compliance for data sharing, as we move forward working with the Efforts to Outcomes software within the collaborative.

They led the Council in an exercise to identify FSA core values and/or desired evaluation as it correlates to programming results. After the group exercise, groups shared their desired evaluation values. Some of those were: the use of both quantitative and qualitative data, navigator evaluation, partner/programming evaluation, researching proven evaluation models, evaluation of teachers' readiness for students, and evaluation by economics and by race.

Council Business

Liska encouraged Council members to sign-up for racial equity training. She reminded members to complete meeting evaluation forms. Liska invited any missed announcements. A motion was made to approve the Council meeting schedule 2017-2018. The motion was seconded and passed (all were in favor).

Liska announced that the chair and vice chair positions will be alternated in July. She invited members to either volunteer for one of these roles and/or nominate a member for one of those positions. She announced that this is Stacy Shelp's last meeting, and that she will be moving on to work for UWGT.

Liska adjourned the meeting.