



**The North Carolina Partnership for Children  
Accountability Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2024  
1-2 p.m.**

Members Present: Dr. Anthony Jackson – Chair, Amy Barry, Page Lemel, Rosa Maria Matthews, Dr. Khadijia Tribié Reid, Dr. Rebecca Simpkin, and Dr. Mary Olvera  
Others Present: Amy Cabbage, Safiyah Jackson, Casey Strange, and Maura Pherson – recording secretary

The Accountability Committee (Committee) of The North Carolina Partnership for Children (NCPC) Board of Directors (Board) met on January 8, 2024 via Zoom video conferencing. Chair Jackson called the meeting to order. The presence of a quorum was established.

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Page Lemel and seconded to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Page Lemel and seconded to approve the September 5, 2023 Accountability Committee meeting minutes. **Motion carried.**

**Updates on Staffing, EC Profile**

The Learning & Evaluation department research data analyst position is vacant. NCPC is currently updating the job description. The expectation is to fill the position by March. NCPC is committed to compiling data for the EC Profile and updating the indicators. Some Medicaid indicators for well visits and childhood obesity data are not complete. Due to the pandemic, there was leniency on reporting. NCPC will ask state level experts for advice on these indicators and anticipate late spring/summer timeframe for these updates.

**Measuring the Goals of the Strategic Roadmap**

The Committee has been reviewing the goals and targets of the Strategic Roadmap quarterly. At its most recent meeting, the Committee discussed the NC Center for Nonprofits definition for sustainable and impactful nonprofit organizations, which is being used in the definition for goal 2 of the Strategic Roadmap.

Local partnerships are currently working on their surveys to gather information on the 4 targets to assess the target baselines. Targets are on track for sharing progress of baselines for 2023. The next collection will be in 2026, and final in 2029.

1. 90% of local partnerships are delivering significantly improved outcomes (including racial disparities) for families, children, and professionals in their community
2. 90% of the local partnerships are sustainable organizations functioning as innovative system builders and program operators/funders
3. 100% of local partnerships and NCPC acknowledge their pride in being part of the Smart Start network
4. 80% of local partnerships acknowledge that NCPC has been supportive in their delivery of outcomes and their own sustainability

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### Review FY 2022-23 Programmatic Outcomes and Outputs

For several years the Accountability Committee has been reviewing programmatic data from the Smart Start network. Local partnerships select outcomes to measure for each of their Smart Start funded activities. NCPC also developed a system for local partnerships to report on outputs for each activity. These data results are essential components of the NCPC annual report to the legislature as well as in NCPC's quality assurance process with local partnerships. Some of the data is highlighted in the Annual Report to the General Assembly Impact Report. New data management system will help manage this. <https://www.smartstart.org/about-smart-start/annual-reports/>

### Explore Smart Solutions

NCPC launched Smart Solutions this fall <https://smartsolutionscatalog.com/>. In July there were 10 entries. There are now 62, and soon there will be over 80. This will be shared with South Carolina with the expectation that it will be shared with other states in the future.

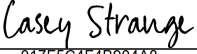
### Review any action items to send to Network


- Staffing and EC Profile update
- Strategic Roadmap update
- Outcomes and outputs
- Smart Solutions

### Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

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