



**The North Carolina Partnership for Children
Board Development Committee Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2024
9-10 a.m.**

Members Present: Elizabeth Star – Chair, Rev. Renee Bethea, Dr. Louis A. Finney, Jr., and Ashley Neal
Members Absent: Victoria Brown and Amy Rhyne
Others Present: Amy Cubbage and Maura Pherson – recording secretary

The Board Development Committee (Committee) of The North Carolina Partnership for Children Inc. (NCPC) Board of Directors (Board) met on April 8, 2024 via video conference. Chair Liz Star called the meeting to order and established a quorum was present.

Introductions

All members were welcomed, and introductions were made to Rev. Renee Bethea.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Minutes

The minutes of the Board Development Committee Meeting of November 6, 2023 were approved by unanimous consent.

Guidelines for Local Partnership Representation on Committees

At its May 17, 2021 meeting, the NCPC Executive Committee approved the latest current version of the NCPC Guidelines for Local Partnership Representation on NCPC Board Committees. The current guidelines for local partnership representatives on standing committees state that local partnership representatives must be executive directors with at least one year of experience or a current or past board chair or current duly elected officer. Currently each committee has one vacancy for a local partnership representative. LPAC has consistently had challenges filling these positions. Lately there has been some interest from local partnership staff in filling these vacancies.

LPAC suggested the Board Development Committee review the current policy and recommend changes to the NCPC Board or Executive Committee. The Committee reviewed the draft and recommended the following changes:

1. Local partnership representative may be an executive director with at least one year of experience, a current or past board chair or current duly elected officer; **or a local partnership staff with at least one year of experience, their job responsibilities relate to the committee, and a recommendation from the executive director of the local partnership.**

By unanimous consent, the Committee recommends the NCPC Board confirm these changes at the June Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

Board Annual Meeting and Retreat

In previous years, the Board Development Committee helped plan topics for the annual Board Retreat. The business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The Board retreat will be Sept. 16 from noon to 7 p.m. Suggestions may include:

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- Use a facilitator: Forrest Alton of 1000 Feathers and Fountainworks facilitated the past two years with good reviews; for next one, develop a list of facilitators; some brainstorming includes Paul Lanier, Sandy Hong, Brian Boyd, Ariel Ford (DCDEE), UNC-G higher education
- Consider a theme: Tri-Share, early child care issues in business & the economy, legislative, early childhood education and mental/behavioral health, etc.
- Strategic Roadmap – on Day 2 (Board meeting) impactful and sustainable, #2 how is NCPC doing? Self-assessment on sustainable and impactful
- Invite Samantha Cole – NC Child business Dept. of Commerce
- Deborah Derr – head of public policy– at NC Chamber of Commerce NC Chamber
- Possible panel discussion over lunch from chamber members and others
- Ask Dan Gerlach, fund development consultant to NCPC through June 2024, to present on his recommendations on fund development

Past Board Member Gathering

As this Committee continues its work aligning with the Fund Development Committee, discussion included holding other receptions/gatherings around the state, possibly one in each of the LPAC regions later in the year, or early 2025. Engaging with past and current board members is well-aligned with NCPC's strategy to increase overall board engagement. In 2023 a Board reception was held at the Smart Start Conference. A reception is planned again at the Conference on May 9, 2024 from 10:30-12 noon for both current NCPC Board members and local partnership board members. NCPC will also review the list and invite past board members.

The Committee agreed by consensus to continue planning these events. Ideas include holding a breakfast or lunch to reengage past board members in locations with the most interest. Local partnerships may be able to host these and NCPC would look into covering the cost.


Recap action items to send to network

- Guidelines for Local Partnership Representation on Committees
- Board Retreat topics
- Board member local LPAC region receptions

Adjourn

Having no other items to discuss the meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m. Next meeting is August 5, 2024.

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