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OCONEE COUNTY FIRST STEPS BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020 ZOOM (ON-LINE) 12:00 P.M.

- Present:** Darcy Arnall, Annette Burney, Katie Conlin, Barbara Dyar, Vanessa Earle, Alice Lee, Summer Mast, Lorilei Swanson, Molly Tannery, Reg Tatum, Kendra Vincent, Janis Young
- Excused:** Kathe Davis, Suzanne Evans, Stephanie Gentry, Misty Lee, Shanon Lusk, Nivia Miranda, Judy Metcalf, Tony Vincent
- Staff:** Daby Snipes, Angie Ray

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Daby Snipes, Executive Director, welcomed everyone to our very first ZOOM on-line board meeting at 12:00 PM. Kendra Vincent, Board Chair joined Daby in welcoming everyone onto the Zoom meeting. Daby shared some information about how to respond in the meeting, to use the tool bar to respond with a hand signal/ type in the chat box or respond verbally if joining by phone.

ROLL CALL & Confirm Quorum:

Daby Snipes recorded 12 members present, confirming a quorum. This was received by registration of meeting and sign on to meeting by ZOOM video or phone call.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kendra Vincent, Board Chair called for a motion to accept the agenda. Motion was made by Barbara Dyar and the Second was by Annette Burney. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

Kendra Vincent, Board Chair asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions to the January 2020 Board meeting minutes. Annette Burney recommended that we make a motion to correct the minutes as follows: With no questions on the Financial Report; Kendra asked for a motion to accept both the Executive Director's Report and the December 2019 Financial Report as presented. A motion was made by Barbara Dyar and second by Vanessa Earle and with no discussion, passed unanimously. Kendra called for the motion, Annette Burney made the motion and Vanessa Earle seconded and with no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

SCFS: Daby Snipes began her report by talking about how COVID19 had impacted our community. SCFS has continue to support our local partnerships with encouragement, information, and guidance. Many of our childcare centers in Oconee County have either closed, had significant reduction in numbers or are beginning to re-open slowly. We are keeping in constant contact with our Childcare centers in our area. It is a very fluid situation that can change from day to day.

Grant Application FY21: Our grant application has been submitted. Today we will review the BSP and our Proposed Program Strategies and will need to vote on them. WE earlier had submitted the board members contact information, board make-up and Attendance since they have asked for it as soon as possible. Especially during these trying times of uncertainty, I am not asking for any change in Program Strategies. Please see your attached document. Kendra our Board Chair will be calling for a vote on our Program Strategies and BSP after my report. Also, Our allotment from the state increased by .17% or \$340.00. As we begin our new fiscal year, and hopefully with the economy and community rebounding from COVID19, we will continue to monitor and adjust, always with the possibility of reallocating our funds as needed.

Kendra Vincent, Board Chair opened the floor for discussion concerning the FY21 Formula Grant Funding Grant Application, BSP and Program Strategies. After discussion Kendra asked for a motion to accept the FY21 BSP Formula Grant Funding Application and Program Strategies. Annette Burney made a motion to accept the FY21 BSP for Oconee County First Steps along with our Program Strategies. Vanessa Earle seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Child Care Scholarships: Angie and I have been reaching out to our Child Care Scholarship families weekly to see how things are going with them. With Seneca having the additional misfortune of an EF3 Tornado strike, there has been added stress and hardship for our families. Each Child Care Scholarship family was reassured that they will be able to have their scholarship, regardless of job or school status through the end of the present cycle that ends on June 30. They all expressed their appreciation and understanding. At this time our CCS's children are at: Foothills Early Learning Center, St. Mark's CDC, Kinderville and Our Club House. Pennsylvania Center is presently closed but due to open back on June 1 if possible. Daby shared the survey conducted by the Institute for Child Success. It is a very interesting report

that highlights that there has been significant economic impact on our Child Care Sector, as we've seen first hand.

**The Initial Economic Impact of COVID-19
on South Carolina's Child Care Sector**

- Child Care Trainings:** Due to COVID19 our in-person trainings that were scheduled for March, April and May were cancelled. Angie has been wonderful working with all of the trainers to see if they were willing to still have our trainings but possibly by ZOOM. Our scheduled trainers were not willing to present their trainings in this form. Angie continues to work with South Carolina Endeavors to find, list, advertise and offer all types of training for our childcare directors, workers and home-care teachers. Many are free or have a nominal fee. With the uncertainty of large group meetings due to COVID19, we are reducing the number of in-person trainings to be offered at least until the beginning of 2021. We have met more than 75% of our goal for Child Care Trainings this year, before having to cancel the trainings
- Core Functions:** CAP- Due to COVID19 SC Children's Trust were not able to deliver our Pinwheel garden materials until April 28. We will be able to use all of these supplies for CAP month next year. We did send information sheets, Tips, brochures to local partners to be able to share with their client on ways to Prevent Child Abuse. We used our Facebook page and Website to feature Parent Tips, stories, and articles to highlight the month.
- Triple P Parenting Program:** All of our scholarship families completed their Triple P Parenting sessions.
- Healthy Families America:** This program is also seeing changes through the COVID19 pandemic. Summer Mast reported that they are being able to communicate with their families during this time through various ways.
- Financial Report:** Daby provided a summary of our Expenses vs Budget (attachment sent in email invitation). Shared Blackbaud report – percentages – etc
- Kendra Vincent:** Kendra Vincent, Board Chair asked for questions, discussion, comments. Being none Kendra asked for motion to accept Executive Directors Report and Financial Report.
- Annette Burney made a motion to accept the Executive Directors report and the Financial Report. Vanessa Earle seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- Committee Reports:** Kendra Vincent, Board Chair asked for any committee reports.
- Daby Snipes requested committees try to have a ZOOM meeting in the month of June. She will send a list of the committees and contact information.

New Business:

Daby Snipes asked that the board vote to continue having our Oconee County First Board Meetings and Committee Meetings VIA ZOOM until it is deemed appropriate to meet again physically in person.

Kendra Vincent, Board Chair asked for a motion to continue having our Board Meetings VIA ZOOM. Annette Burney made the motion to hold ZOOM Board Meetings, Janis Young seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passes unanimously.

Good of the Order:

Kendra Vincent, Board Chair asked if anyone had something they wanted to share with the group.

At this time the board members were sharing how they were helping our community following the Tornado that struck Seneca on April 13. The OCFS office was without power for a week and St. Mark's United Methodist Church was spared except for roof damage, some playground damage, fencing and tree's down. Due to COVID19, Daby and Angie are continuing to work from home when possible. Many churches, groups, neighbors and friends from surrounding municipalities have poured resources into the community. United Way of Oconee County has a fun set up for donations and are receiving donated goods such as diapers and formula, since the Food Banks don't collect these items.

Janis Young from Pennsylvania Children's Center has been closed but hopes to open soon and with an expansion. She mentioned there are several good grants available right now for Childcare Centers and that she had received one. She will share links to share with other providers. We discussed the possibility of putting together "Cleaning/Sanitizing" care packages for our childcare centers as a way of outreach. We also talked about "masks" for children. Janis also mentioned that Darlene Faucette, one of our trainers is currently making children's mask and that we could talk with her.

As a personal note, Daby Snipes asked for continued thoughts and prayers for her son-in-law, 34 years old, was recovering from a stroke. He will be going home tomorrow and will recover at home.

Kendra Vincent:

With no further business, Kendra asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Barbara Dyar and seconded by Annette Burney. The motion passed unanimously. TIME: 1:20 PM