

MINUTES

Attendees: Carol Steen, Mark Taft, Pat Tuttle, Sara Lappe, Adrian Sandler, Pam Holcombe (virtual), Maia Sloan, Linda McDaniel, Al Whitesides, Diana Anthony, Heather Zanzig (virtual), Emily Nicholson (virtual), Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Martin Moore

Staff in attendance: Rachael Sawyer, Tim Love, Angelyn Johnson, Michael Frue, Angelica Tyler

Welcome

Minutes

- Approval of minutes from August 6, 2024
 - Motion to approve by Al Whitesides. Seconded by Martin Moore. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

- Site Visits
 - The site visit schedule was included in the meeting packet. Committee members were asked to contact staff if they would like to be added to any of the site visits.

New Business

- Funding Strategy – Session 2 of 4: How early care & education is paid for and impacts of Buncombe Early Childhood Fund
 - The presentation included:
 - Follow-up on questions from session 1
 - Current funding context
 - Review of early childhood funding
 - Buncombe County’s Early Childhood Education & Development Fund
 - Topics of discussion and questions included:
 - What percentage of public funding is local, state and federal funding?
 - Why are 5 star home rates higher?
 - What percentage K-12 education is local vs. state vs. federal?
 - What strategies are being used by the top 3 comparison counties?
 - The committee discussed corporate investments
 - What is the avenue to allow corporate investment to be successful?
 - What is the return on investment?
 - What current corporate support currently exists in the county?
 - What are other communities doing in this arena? (Cleveland County Tri-Share pilot)
 - Could the committee develop a “brief” to outline what is needed (i.e. strategic plan for 1 year, 5 years)
 - The committee will dedicate time during the October meeting to continue to brainstorm this topic.



Early Childhood Education & Development Committee

September 3, 2024, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

200 College St, Room 310

Announcements

All Whitesides acknowledged County Attorney Michael Frue's upcoming retirement and thanked him for his service to the county and to this committee.

Public Comment

- Betsie Slockslager participated in public comment.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be October 1, 2024, 1:00-2:30 pm, 200 College St, Ground Floor Conference Room.