

**Chatham County- Partnership for Children**  
**Focus on Child Care**  
**September 12, 2011**  
Minutes (DRAFT)

**Members Present:** Julie Mashburn, Co-Chair, Carly Pedrotty, Denise Pickett, Kathryn Vitaro

**Members Absent:** April Alexander, Debra Bright, Barbara Burton, Lara Kehle, Cindy King, Angela Murray, Amy Rabb, Edna Williams

**Staff:** Deborah Day, Genevieve Megginson, Marianne Nicholson

**Welcome/Adopt Agenda/Approve Minutes**

At 6:30, Julie Mashburn called the meeting to order. She welcomed members and asked them to review the minutes. Carly Pedrotty *moved to accept the minutes and Kathy Vitaro seconded this motion. By consensus, the August 8<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved and the September agenda was adopted.*

**Announcements & Updates**

Carly announced that her family home center, *Little Sweet Potatoes*, received a 5 star rating.

Deborah announced that the Chatham Partnership received the Shape NC grant – an initiative to reduce early childhood obesity through increased physical activity, healthy nutrition, and natural learning environments. Robyn’s Nest was selected to be the model early learning center. Genevieve, Amber, and Deborah attended a 2 day Shape NC orientation last week to learn more about the project.

Genevieve announced that the Chatham Partnership is planning a Reverse Raffle Fundraiser. Tickets will cost \$50 for the chance to win cash. A group of people could buy one ticket together. This will be a social event for adults.

Genevieve also announced that the Chatham Partnership is sponsoring a booth at the Chatham County Fair from September 28 through October 1, 2011. We will need volunteers for this booth.

**Fall Forums**

Our first Fall Forum scheduled for October 10, 2011 conflicts with a DCD safety and sanitation training. Consequently, the Committee decided to reschedule our forum, called “We Are All on the Same Team” to November 14 from 6:30 to 8:30. The October forum will be held in Siler City. Genevieve and Marianne will visit CCCC – Siler City campus to see if it fits our needs.

We will also have a Winter Forum, called “Taking Care of Ourselves, tentatively scheduled for February 13 from 6:30 to 8:30. This training will focus on nutrition and physical exercise for teachers, helping them serve as role models for children. Marianne will check with Edna Williams and Phyllis Smith to see if they can present on this date. The February forum will be held in Pittsboro.

The Committee discussed whether or not to offer these forums on Saturdays rather than weekday evenings. Most people thought that evenings would be better.

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We will charge \$5 for each forum with proceeds going towards the annual spring conference. We will not provide food at these trainings. The Partnership or Child Care Networks will provide contact hours.

Child Care Networks has their training calendar on-line. Deborah will contact Amanda to notify her of these changes.

There will be no Focus on Child Care meeting on October 10 to encourage child care providers to attend the DCD training instead.

**Week of the Young Child Parade**

The Week of the Young Child parade will be on Thursday, April 26 at the CCCC walking trail.

Julie reported that Ginger Harris-Pike thought it would be great to involve students from the early childhood program as volunteers. They could help the children make hats and musical instruments, like egg shakers or paper plate tambourines, to use during the parade.

Genevieve will confirm the CCCC location with the Mary Hayes Homes room at the library as a meeting place / rain location. Carly will talk with Beth Kalb, the children's librarian, about involving the library in this event.

The Committee needs to plan for the parade at their March meeting.

**Spring Conference**

The Committee began planning the Spring Conference at the September meeting. We would like to have it at CCCC – Pittsboro Campus again on April 28, 2012. The Committee discussed the possibility of having CEU Tracks at this year conference. The state run resource and referral agency, Child Care Services Association (CSSA) is moving toward CEU training because it is more professional than contact hours. Currently, they offer both. As part of this movement, they have developed tracks of CEU modules on different topics, such as Infant/Toddler; CSEFEL/Behavior; and School Age/Afterschool. In general these tracks offer .5 CEU or 5 contact hours. Cooperative Extension is also offering CEU trainings.

If a participant opted for CEUs, than s/he would pay a charge in addition to the Conference Registration Fee, such as \$25. They would stay in this track for the entire day.

The advantage of this type of training is that it is more consistent and professional. Participants get to explore one topic in depth. The disadvantage is that it lacks variety and costs money. Committee members were not sure that child care providers would be willing to pay the additional cost since CEUs are not required for many of them. Chatham School teachers who do need CEUs receive them through school-sponsored trainings. Genevieve will confirm whether or not participants could attend CEU track and opt for contact hours instead.

We might want to have one CEU track with 3 break-out sessions, so participants could choose.

Three possible conference schedule formats could be:

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**Schedule 1 – Most Similar to Previous Conferences**

Time	Break Out Sessions	Time	CEU Track
8:30-9:45 am	Session I	8:30-11:30 am	3 hours training
10:00 – 11:15 am	Session II		
11:30 am-12:15 pm	Plenary Session	11:30 am-12:15 pm	Plenary Session
12:15-1:30 pm	Lunch	12:15-1:30 pm	Lunch
1:45 – 3:00 pm	Session III	1:30 – 3:30 pm	2 hours training
3:00 – 3:30 pm	Closing		

Schedule 1 would require 3 separate break-out sessions for a total of 9 workshops and could accommodate up to 3 CEU tracks.

**Schedule 2 – Modified Format with CEU Track & Longer Break Out Sessions**

Time	Break Out Sessions	CEU Track
8:30-9:00 am	Opening	3 hours training
9:00 – 11:30 am	Session I	
11:45 am-12:45 pm	Lunch	Lunch
1:00-3:00 pm	Session II	2 hours training
3:00 – 3:30 pm	Closing	Closing

Schedule 2 would require 4 separate break-out sessions with two trainers each for a total of 16 trainers in 8 workshops plus up to three CEU tracks. It allows for a non-CEU track on related topics

**Schedule 3 – CEU Tracks ONLY**

Time	CEU Track I Infants/Toddlers	CEU Track II Social Emotional	CEU Track III School Age Children
8:30-9:00 am	3 hours training	3 hours training	3 hours training
9:00 – 11:30 am			
11:45 am-12:45 pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00-3:00 pm	2 hours training	2 hours training	2 hours training
3:00 – 3:30 pm	Closing	Closing	Closing

The Committee needs to explore this issue further, because it is too late to start scheduling speakers in December if we decide that we want to offer break-out sessions.

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The Committee decided to reschedule the October meeting from the 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, the 13<sup>th</sup> to avoid conflicting with DCDEE training.

The Committee decided that the conference will not provide lunch. Participants will be responsible for their own lunch. We can provide a list of restaurants and coupons. We could even order box lunches in advance. If we gave participants 1 hour and 15 minutes, they would have enough time. They need to return after lunch to receive their CEU credits or contact hours.

Since CCSA offers only a few topics, it is important to find other CEU approved trainers.

- Julie will talk to Ginger Harris Pike
- Marianne will talk to Phyllis
- Kathy will talk to Cindy about what teachers working for the schools need or are interested in.

**Next Meetings**

The next FOCC meeting will be at Thursday, October 13 from 6:30 to 8:00 at CCCC, if available. Please note this is not our normal meeting day.

Future dates for FOCC meetings this fiscal year will be:

- November 14 – Fall Forum
- December 12
- January 9
- February 13 – Winter Forum
- March 12
- April 23 – Final Preparation for Spring Conference

*As there were no further agenda items, by consensus, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.*