



Meeting Notes
Family Success Alliance Council Meeting
Monday, April 15th, 2019
Carrboro Century Center

In attendance:

Council: Charlos S. Banks, Ric Bruton, Renee Price, Rani Dasi, Alice Denson, Martha Durhal, Rev. Sharon Freeland, Sherill Hampton, Cordelia Heaney, Lisa Lackey, Beatrice Parker, Robin Pulver, Rachel Schaevitz, Aviva Scully, Sammy Slade, Luke Smith, Brenda Stephens, Jen Della Valle, Sarah Viñas, Jenn Weaver, Michele Woodson

Absent: Delores Bailey, Charles Blackwood, Nancy Coston, Eric Guckian, Jackie Jenks, Annette Lafferty, Latoya Manning, Mark Marcoplos, Michael Steiner, Quintana Stewart,

Staff: Coby Austin, Erika Cervantes, Angela Clapp, Antonia Cortes Sanchez, Dana Crews, LaKaya Craig, Dominika Gazdzinska, Mariela Hernandez, Meredith McMonigle, Ling Oy, Kristin Prelipp, Claudia Yerena,

Guests: Tami Pfeifer, Sonia Frischemeier, Theo Letman, Allyson Coltrane, Teheishia Holloway

Welcome and Introductions

Jenn Weaver began the meeting by welcoming navigators and FSA backbone staff at the table, we also welcomed a new council member Commissioner Renee Price. As a reminder, on our last meeting in February was focused on defining Equity and we wanted to take it a step further to see how it applies to the work that we do. Robin Pulver volunteered herself to be a part of the small group of individuals to look closer on how equity actually applies to the work we do. As an overview, we will have a presentation from the Orange County Transportation to discuss the transportation issues in Zone 4. And then, Beatrice will present summer learning opportunities. Start the meeting with a brief ice breaker: with a partner, talk about someone who has influenced you in life, that is not related to you.

Announcements:

1. Community Health Assessment Team (CHA) is gearing up to start surveys in the community and they are looking for volunteers that may be able to assist.
2. Zone 4 Parent Representative Latoya Manning went back to school and will no longer be able to be a part of FSA Council Meetings, so we are looking for new representative to replace her.
3. FSA will present for Campaign on Racial Equity at the Chapel Hill Public Library on May 21st at 6:30pm
4. We have moved our FSA 5 Year Celebration to September, and we are hoping everyone will be able to attend.
5. Council was asked to review minutes from the previous meeting; we would like to start posting them on our website so prior to each meeting we will have the Council approve the minutes from a previous meeting. Motion to approve made by Beatrice Parker and second by Rachel Schaevitz.



Increasing Access to Family Supports

Allyson Coltrane from the Orange County Public Transportation joined us to discuss and better understand public transportation in Orange County, as well as in the Triangle. There are five main areas of focus: the first one is fixed routes – which is the Hillsborough Circulator and we did get approved and funded for the Reverse Circulator and that will have an intercepted loop (like a number eight downtown of Hillsborough) – Potential date for this project is fall 2019. There is also a Go-Triangle that mirrors Chapel Hill's 420-Route and travels from Hillsborough to Chapel Hill. Second is the Demand Response, which is the biggest portion of services provided by the OC Transportation – those include Medicaid Transportation Service that is done through Department of Social Services (DSS) for anyone who receives Medicaid, Complementary ADA – Americans for Disability Association – passengers are picked up directly from their home and can be taken anywhere they need to get to – shopping, medical appointments, anything – as long as they live within .75 miles from the bus stops. Third, ROAP Services: Elderly Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP) – \$3 one way, elderly may submit applications; Rural General Public (RGP) – Passenger's origin or destination must be to a rural area (urban-rural OR rural-urban), and lastly Employment (EMPL) this service is provided by DSS to participants of the Work-First Program. Forth, Commuter Options Program which encourages carpooling, vanpooling, biking and walking. And Fifth, Senior Transportation, which provides transportation for elderly to Senior Centers, as well as shopping, special events (State Fair or Museums) and Nutrition Services. The goals for the upcoming year is to include ridership, change to hybrid/electric fleet (a smarter fleet than what is currently used), increase funding amounts and sources, and have better transit amenities (shelters, cut outs, bike racks). We are still waiting to hear about the Medicaid changes to know how they will affect us.

Council recommended promoting the Transit Academy, which gives an overview of all services we provide to the county.

Exploring Space in Zone 4

Jenn Weaver directed Council member to review a summary of space needs among nonprofit organizations that would like to expand their services in the Hillsborough area. Council members then discussed various specific spaces that could accommodate the expressed space needs. Examples include: meeting space available with the Town of Hillsborough (e.g., Large board room that is used more in the evenings and not during the day, and a smaller meeting room is used more during the work hours); Orange County Charter School has space but that will be re-done this fall, lots of school offices will be moved there and they will be working with Durham Tech to provide services there as well; public libraries; Durham Tech space; UNC Hospital – Hillsborough campus. Luke also mentioned is a huge church in Durham, located right next to a school. The church only meets on Sundays, so they decided to utilize the space during the rest of the days and they are allowing the school to use it. Chatham County has a similar initiative where they have space available but not sure how to use it, so they pulled a community of people together to make those decisions. Habitat for Humanity is creating housing near UNC in Hillsborough – and there was a suggestion to partner with them to create a Community Center. The Council also discussed what it would look like to provide mobile services.

Compass Center mentioned it would be helpful for them to get space where several rooms would be available (example: workshop, childcare, food & check in). The Council discussed the idea of creating a more detailed mapping of space needs and the different locations. We currently have a great need and



interest in finding a space, but we need to shape it a little bit. We may need to pull together as a community and build something that could accommodate everybody.

Out-Of-School Time & Summer Learning Opportunities

Working with Chapel Hill Transit & GoTriangle may be an option to provide families with transportation to get to their jobs, daycares, job interviews or grocery shopping. Angela works mostly in Gateway: lots of families with mental health issues and disabilities. The services they need to be provided with are mostly in Chapel Hill and families struggle with transportation and getting there without constant stops. Angela mentioned that families need also other services than what our partners provide. OC Transportation is considering extending transportation hours to help provide families with transportation. Please reach out with specific families to Allyson to see how we can work together. After interviewing families through Orange transit, they notice that families need transportation outside the service hours. More transportation options are coming. Sit down with DSS Workforce program.

Beatrice: preview conversation, navigators aren't earning enough money. Living wage is around \$31.70 an hour for Chapel Hill. After school & summer camps can take a lot of money out of your budget. Planning to do an assessment and tie it to standard that would reduce learning loss. It helps kids retain and expand knowledge so that kids who can exceed in schools. Parents don't always know what kind of programs are available. Waitlist and duration of camps is also an issue, camps don't work with parent's schedules. Orange County Partnership for Young Children is working on creating an inventory of all the camps and programs and afterschool available.

Council Business

Beatrice will be moving to a chair position and we will be soliciting for a Vice-Chair.