



Meeting of the Early Childhood Advisory Council
October 19, 2023, immediately following the SC First Steps Board Meeting

Early Childhood Advisory Council Meeting

August 17, 2023 immediately following the SCFS Board of Trustees Meeting
SC First Steps
Minutes

Council Members Present

(19):

Rep. Terry Alexander
Dr. Robert Bank
Matthew Ferguson
John Hayes
Michael Leach
David Lisk
Jessica Mackey

Dave Morley, Chairman
Janie Neeley
Dorothy Priester
Roger Pryor
Mary Anne Scott
Dr. Edward Simmer
Wes Wooten

Sue Williams

Council Members Absent (6)

Jacque Curtin
Mary Lynne Diggs
Rep. Shannon Erickson
Sen. Greg Hembel 024 469.63(W



The meeting began at 3:34 p.m.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Ms. Mackey provided the motion. Mr. McBride provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to approve the June 15, 2023 minutes. Rep. Alexander provided the motion. Mr. McBride provided the second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Mjartan provided an overview of the elements



- x Reporting data related to plan measures
- x ICC and workgroups developing reports of achievements and recommending priorities for 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

- x First Five SC Website: February 1, 2022 • September 30, 2023
 - o Unique website visitors: 191,810
 - o Total leads: 16,042
- x First Five SC Applications: May 1, 2023 • September 30, 2023
 - Total Applications Received: 1198
 - By program:*
 - f First Steps 4K: 73
 - f WIC: 288
 - f SC Child Care Scholarships: 492
 - f First Steps Local Partnerships: 625

Family Voice Council (FVC)

Currently, 14 parents and caregivers represent the FVC. Six seats remain unfilled, with three candidates currently in the onboarding process. Six potential members are being considered for open seats and seats opening in January 2024.

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Grants

- x Alliance for Early Success
 - Three members of the ECAC team will participate in the Alliance Connect Conference in Charlotte in late October.
- x Preschool Development Grant (PDG B5)
 - o South Carolina was invited by the PDG TA Center to present in a webinar about coordinated entry on October 3. Rachal Hatton Moore, ECAC Two-gen Coordinator, presented First Five SC. Seventy-five people participated.
 - o South Carolina, along with other PDG B5 grantees were awarded supplemental funds to enhance and build on their planning work. No cost extensions may be requested through December 2024. It is expected that South Carolina will request that extension.
 - o Grants.gov forecasted that up to 10 PDG B5 renewal grants will be awarded in 2024. South Carolina is eligible to apply.
- x Pritzker Child V I R ... W - RSM from State and Local Leaders to Build Comprehensive Early Childhood System Portals
 - o A toolkit to provide support to other states interested in replicating First 5 SC was launched. Representatives from 31 states have reviewed the toolkit as of September 29.
 - o For the months of August and September, First Five SC team members have presented at two inperson presentations, two virtual presentations and one podcast.
 - o 10 states and San Diego have indicated interest in learning from South Carolina about developing their own platforms and eligibility/application portals.