





Ms. Jones conducted a roll call.

Dr. Cordan shared information on First Steps is Here: Early Identification and Referral Program and its shared partnerships. Natoria Johnson, a parent participant in Allendale County's Early Identification and Referral Program shared the success of her experience.

Ms. McConnell called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m. Ms. McConnell requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Holt provided the motion. Ms. Neeley provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. McConnell asked for a motion to approve the August 18, 2022 minutes. Rep. Govan provided the motion. Dr. Williams provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. McConnell asked for a motion to include items a, b, and c on the consent agenda. Mr. Holt provided the motion and Mr. Hayes seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Ms. McConnell asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Williams provided the motion. Ms. Neeley provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda:

(David Morley)

To approve the update to the Evidenced-Based Home Visiting Parenting Program guidelines listed above the FY23 grant year (Programs and Grants Committee recommends)

To approve the updates to the Program and Operational guidelines for the FY23 grant year. (Programs and Grants Committee recommends)

To approve the update to the Evidenced-Based Home Visiting Parenting Program guidelines listed above the FY23 grant year. (Programs and Grants Committee recommends)

Whereas disability, foster care, and living in poverty or a low-income household are risk factors for early school failure already adopted by the Board.

Whereas disability, foster care, and living in poverty or a low-income household are eligibility criteria for South Carolina Medicaid's Partners for Healthy Children coverage.

Whereas the poverty threshold for Medicaid eligibility for children includes the poverty threshold for other public benefit programs, like the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC);

Whereas Medicaid eligibility is an eligibility criterion for First Steps 4K and First Steps 4K students are sometimes a target population of local partnership programs, like for Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY);



Whereas identifying those eligible, but not enrolled and assisting t



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