



Board of Trustees Meeting

October 21, 2021

2:00PM

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Members Present (19):

Dave Morley, Chair  
Dr. Shelley Canright  
Sen. Gerald Malloy  
Rep. Rita Allison  
Dr. David Mathis

Dr. Edward Simmer  
Walter Fleming  
Tim Holt  
Jennifer McConnell  
Dr. Amy Williams

Roger Pryor

Members Absent (4):

Sen. Greg Hembree



Ms. Jones reported there were no members of the public that requested to speak.

Dr. Canright called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Dr. Canright requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Dr. Mathis provided the motion. Ms. McConnell provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Canright asked for a motion to approve the August 19, 2021 minutes. Dr. Mathis provided the motion. Mr. Holt provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Canright reported on the Executive Committee and welcomed to the board Dr. Michelle Fry, Director of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.

Dr. Canright asked for a motion to approve the following consent agenda. Ms. McConnell provided the motion. Dr. Williams provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda: Motions Recommended by Committees (David Morley)

- a. Motion to prohibit the following local partnerships from being awarded future competitive and targeted grants from South Carolina First Steps until all of the partnerships' issues contained in their Corrective Action Plans and until any pending investigations are resolved; Unresolved Fiscal Year 19 corrective action and unresolved OIG investigation- Abbeville County FS and Greenwood County FS; New unresolved Fiscal year 21 Corrective Action- Barnwell County FS, Horry County First Steps, Jasper County FS, and Kershaw County FS. (Programs and Grants Committee recommends)
- b. Motion to accept the Early Childhood Innovation Grant Awards to 5 applications representing the following 7 Local Partnerships as recommended by the SC First Steps grant review committee - Chesterfield, Anderson, Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester, Cherokee, and Colleton County Local Partnerships. (Program and Grant Committee recommends)

Mr. Fleming reported on the Finance and Administration Committee. He discussed the FY 2020-2021 Financial Audit in which the agency did not have any findings for its fifth year. He provided a financial update, information on the 2022-2023 budget request, and the conclusion of the Inspector General's investigation into two local partnerships.

Ms. McConnell reported on the Local Partnerships Programs and Grants Committee. She reviewed the changes for two partnerships, the program standard changes to the HIPPIY program, and a new program standard to SCPV. Mr. Cromwell reviewed the FY21 corrective action plans for the affected local partnerships and reviewed partnership vacancies and local partnership board terms.

Dr. Williams reported on the Strategic Planning and Evaluation Committee and shared that the committee discussed the possibility of forming a scientific advisory task force.

Sen. Malloy provided a legislative update and acknowledged their support of the agency and its budget request for FY 2022-2023.



Ms. Mjartan provided the Executive Director's report