



Darlington County First Steps Partnership Board of Directors Annual Meeting
Hosted Virtually and at Macedonia Life Skills Center in Darlington, SC
Date: Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 6:30PM

MINUTES

This meeting was held within FOIA and ADA Compliance. Board Meetings are open to the public and meeting minutes are kept on file in the office of Darlington County First Steps and are available to the public for review.

Board Members Present: Lucretia Bellamy, Thomasena Davis, Thomas “T.C.” Sawyer, Linda George, Diane McIver, Winfred Herrington

Board Members Absent: Jimmie Epling, Beth Campbell, Robert Stukes

Excused Absence: Rennie McManus-McCoy, Howard Nettles, Lilkenya Jenkins

Staff: Patricia Sullivan, Brenda Ayers, Britney Brisbon, Darnell Byrd McPherson, Karen Nettles, Whitney Davis

Guests: Doug Taylor, Jon Artz

	Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Responsible Person
1.	Welcome & Invocation		Acting Board Chair, Winfred Herrington
2.	Guest Speaker- Doug Taylor, Chief Program Officer, Fact Forward	Whitney Davis introduces Doug Taylor. Taylor gives brief description of relationship between Fact Forward, formerly known as SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, over the years. He praises Darnell Byrd McPherson and team for their unprecedented work in Darlington County and reviews new Communities Accessing Resources and Education for Success (C.A.R.E.S.) project that Fact	Whitney Davis and Doug Taylor

		Forward and DCFS are working on in Fiscal Year 2021-2022.	
3.	Establish Quorum to Conduct Business	Quorum established with 6 present board members.	Herrington
4.	Approval of Agenda & Minutes from Last Meeting	Motion- Linda George Second- Thomas Sawyer	All members vote yes.
5.	Ratify Email Approval Provided in May for Formula Grant Application	Herrington addresses board members and asks if there were any disputes. None were disclosed during meeting. Grant application is ratified by present board members.	Board
6.	Financial Report	McPherson discussed the hiring of new Finance Manager, Karen Nettles. McPherson stated K. Nettles is training with State Office Finance Department as well as with Executive Director of Florence County First Steps. McPherson also states K. Nettles is on 6-month probationary period and is making good progress.	McPherson
7.	Election of Officers: Board Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary	Thomasena Davis nominated Diane McIver for Board Chair. McIver nominated Davis for Board Chair but Davis declines. Herrington requested motion to close nomination for McIver as Board Chair. Davis made a motion to close nomination for board chair.	Board

		<p>All members voted yes.</p> <p>Lucretia Bellamy nominated herself as Vice Board Chair.</p> <p>Davis nominated Bellamy as well.</p> <p>Davis motioned to close nominee for said name.</p> <p>All members voted yes.</p> <p>Due to the interest of time, the voting for Secretary will take place during next board meeting.</p>	
8.	Identify Two Members to View Required IRS Video	Howard Nettles and Linda George watched video.	George and Nettles
9.	Present Resource Development Plan Due to State Office, July 15, 2021	Patricia Sullivan gave synopsis on what the Resource Development Plan is. Artz asks if we would share some of our goals. McPherson reviews goals.	Sullivan and McPherson
10.	Question, Comments	Herrington expressed his gratitude for being able to serve on the board for so many years. McPherson also gives thanks to Herrington for his commitment to the board and the community.	
11.	Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.	

Signed: _____ Date: _____