



Early Childhood Advisory Council Meeting

December 2, 2022, immediately following the SCFS Board of Trustees Meeting
SC First Steps
Minutes

Members Present (10):

Rep. Paula Calhoun
Dr. Shelley Canright, Vice Chair
Jacque Curtin
Mary Lynne Diggs
Dr. Michelle Fry
Tim Holt
Dr. David Mathis
Jennifer McConnell
Dave Morley, Chairman

Dr. Amy Williams

Members Absent (12):

John Hayes
Sen. Greg Hembree
Robert Kerr
Mike Leach
Jessica Mackey
Sen. Gerald Malloy

Janie Neeley
Alexia Newman
Roger Pryor
Dr. Edward Simmer
Sue Williams
Nicole Wynkoop

Attendees (47)

Georgia Mjartan
Avian Jones
Chelsea Richard
Kaitlyn Richards
Mark Barnes
Karen Oliver
Martha Strickland
Derek Cromwell
Beth Moore
Lexi Jones
Duchett Hylton
Dwana Doctor
Anita Singleton
Cindy Riley
Candi Lalonde
Kathy Jenkins
Jade Wright
Kenna Hoover
Shayla Pettigrew
LC Baker
Kathy Fitzgerald
Jon Artz
Joy Mazur
Tiffany Outlaw
Dorian Young
Cindy Galloway

Van-Kim Lin
Samantha Ingram
Rachal Hatton-Moore
Jennifer Williams
Michelle Bowers
Rochelle Gamble
Shakira Fulton
Felicia Patrick
Pernerva Thomas
Betty Washington
Sarah Eargle
Valencia Johnson
Kerry Cordan
Kate Roach
Elizabeth Dudek
Santasha Highley
Sheila Jones
Shekiah Reese
Felicia Battle
Carletta Isreal
Kim Chariker



The meeting began at 2:53pm.

Ms. Morley acknowledged that a quorum was not met.

Dr. Richard introduced Van-Kim Lin of Child Trends. Ms. Lin presented on the Early Childhood Data Collaborative (ECDC) initiative. The ECDC supports state policymakers' development and use of coordinated state early care and education (ECE) data systems. The ECDC provides tools and resources to encourage data-driven state policy changes and provide a national forum to support the development and use of coordinated state ECE data systems. She shared the information about the target audiences and outreach strategies that are being implemented to fulfill this initiative.

Ms. Mjartan provided an update on the First Five SC portal. Since February 2022 there were 68,000 visits to the portal. The common application from this portal will launch in early 2023 for the agencies that have chosen to participate. She shared that full, recurring funding for the Early Childhood Advisory Council was requested in the budget request.

Dr. Mathis reported on the Interagency Collaboration Committee and their continued work on the Birth through Five Strategic Plan.

The meeting ended at 3:28pm.