

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Navarro County Early Childhood Coalition**

**March 28, 2024 -- 1:00- 3:00 P.M.**

**Location of Meeting:** Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room

**Present at Meeting: 31** in Attendance

The meeting was opened by Rachel Gillespie, Program Director

**Agenda for Meeting**

The agenda for the meeting was distributed earlier through email.

**Review of Previous Minutes**

Copy of January Minutes were distributed

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**Rachel G. – Program Director** – Introductions and led Ice Breaker for the group.

**Rachel G. - Program Director** – Reviewed the Group Agreements, Mission and Three Focus Areas.

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**Things Reviewed**

**Rachel G.** – Reviewed the Welcome Packet and Bylaws and Charter. Needs some fine tuning on the format. Will get estimate from Greenworx on printing on glossy paper in a booklet format and see if blurry photos can be fixed. Ashley and Katy volunteered to help with the format on the Bylaws and Charter. Vote was taken on content.

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**Agency Spotlight**

**Lauren Venable** – gave an overview of the work at the Hope Center Corsicana

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### Consideration of Open Issues

**Rachel G.** – Reviewed the updated pocket guide. Agreed to make a few changes to formatting. Will bring back another draft to the next coalition meeting. Still have some of the previous version in our office.

**RBA Team Captains** - reviewed their teams current work and had signups for the next workshops in April. Anyone that wants to sign up with a team can let Rachel know. Invitation invites will go out via calendar invites. See dates below.

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### Updates

**Katy – Spring Break Little Free Library Scavenger Hunt** - was a great success. 48 kids participated representing 21 families. Most of the kids got all the prizes. A big thanks to all the coalition members who helped make this event happen. Reviewed survey results.

**Unplugged Collaborative Village** – have signed up to be a part of their group. See our page on their website. This group creates the clues for the LFL hunts.

**Burgandy P.** – gave an update on the Parent Advisory Council. They had a successful recruitment season. They will meet on April 4<sup>th</sup> to vote on two new members to their group.

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**Ashley P.** – the Bundle of Joy boxes are going well. Responses from survey by parents has let us know how we can improve the boxes. The next packing day is April 11<sup>th</sup> at noon at Westminster Presbyterian Church. All are invited to help pack.

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### Upcoming Events

**Child Abuse Prevention Month** – Go Blue Day is Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – send photos wearing Blue to Katy by Thursday at [katy.andrews@pchas.org](mailto:katy.andrews@pchas.org)

**Galliant Autism Awareness Run** - Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 10:00 - Noon

**Spring Family Fun Fest** – Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 7:00 – First Early Childhood Fair at Corsicana Library

**Breastfeeding Support Class** - Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – location will be determined. Thanks to the Hope Center for partnering with us on this event. Flyer will go out soon for this event.

**Agenda and Time of Next Meetings**

**Parent Café – April 11, 2024 – 5:30 – 7:30 PM**

**Parent Advisory Council – April 4, 2024– 5:30-7:00 PM**

**Navarro County Early Childhood Coalition – May 23, 2024 – 1:00 -3:00 PM**

**Health – April 16, 2024 – 11:00-12:30 PM – GT Suite 102/Zoom**

**Safety/Connection – April 23, 2024 – 11:00-12:30 PM – GT Suite 102/Zoom**

**School Readiness – April 30, 2024 – 11:00-12:30 PM – GT Suite 102/Zoom**

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The meeting was adjourned by: Rachel Gillespie

Minutes submitted by: Barbara Wood

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