

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

**May 23, 2024 -- 1:00- 3:00 P.M.**

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

**Present at Meeting:** 23 in Attendance

The meeting was opened by Rachel Gillespie, Program Director

**Agenda for Meeting**

The agenda for the meeting was distributed earlier through e-mail

**Review of Previous Minutes**

Copy of March Minutes were distributed

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

**Katy A. - Child & Family Specialists** – Reviewed the Group Agreements, Mission and Three Focus Areas.

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**Things Reviewed**

**Rachel G.** – Reviewed the revised Welcome Packet and Bylaws and Pocket Guide. Final changes will be made to the pocket guide so they can be reprinted for the next coalition meeting.

Reviewed the revised Crisis Resource Guide – the Navarro County Health Dept. went through the document and updated it. It's now on our website.

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**Agency Spotlight**

**Texas Rising Star** – shared information on how they can help local childcare providers become TRS qualified.

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### Local News

**Impact Navarro** - shared about the sensory park coming to the community. Planning is underway now for this project.

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### Recap of Spring Events

**Go Blue Day** – pictures were shared of different agencies wearing their blue.

**Spring Family Fun Fest** – there was a great turnout with about 362 in attendance and 26 providers shared information. The survey was also shared for this event.

**Breastfeeding Support Class** – Ashley shared some information on that event which also involved the Hope Center partnering on this event. Total attendance was 88 – 39 of that was parents. The survey was also shared for this event.

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### Updates

**RBA Teams** discussed their upcoming projects and shared next meeting times. (see below)

**LFL** – discussed the upgrades including the sidecars added for info packets and the counter added at the YMCA. The School Readiness team will determine if more counters will be purchased.

**Bright-by-Text** – we now have 587 subscribers

**PAC** – update on PAC members and Brenda one of the new members was in attendance.

**Bundle of Joy – Ashley** shared updates and gave information on the cost of putting the boxes together. There were some items that will consider removing socks, journal

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### Summer Events

#### **Hard Conversations with your Kids Series**

**May 28** – Technology – WPC

**June 13** – Grief & Loss - WPC

**July 11** – Sex – Birds & the Bees – Grace Church

There was some discussion for plans for a Summer Fun Event – since the Palace is closed for the summer. Looking into hosting a movie night at the Cook Center or Schulman's.

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**Rachel G.** – Invited ECC members to the PEI visit on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP by Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

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**Agenda and Time of Next Meetings**

**Parent Café – June 20, 2024 – 5:30 – 7:30 PM**

**Dad’s Café – June 27, 2024 – 5:30 – 7:30 PM**

**Parent Advisory Council – June 6, 2024– 5:30-7:00 PM**

**Navarro County Early Childhood Coalition – July 25, 2024 – 1:00 -3:00 PM**

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

**Safety/Connection – June 18, 2024 – 11:00-12:30 PM – GT Suite 102/Zoom**

**School Readiness – June 25, 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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