

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

**July 25, 2024 -- 1:00- 3:00 P.M.**

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

**Present at Meeting:** 27 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 May Minutes were distributed

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**Rachel G. – Program Director** – Introductions

**Noemi Z. – Intern** – Lead Ice-breaker for the Group

**Deb T. -Co-Chair** – Reviewed the Group Agreements, Mission and Three Focus Areas.

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**Big News**

**Rachel G.** – Opening a new Resource Center in Mexia which will serve two counties - Limestone and Freestone. Katy A. will be the Outreach Coordinator – also hiring a Family Navigator.

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**Agency Spotlight**

**Innovative Therapies** – **Betsy S.** shared information on their programs and therapy. Information can be found on their website at About Us ([bcminnovativetherapies.com](http://bcminnovativetherapies.com))

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### Local News

**Impact Navarro – Curran Oakley** shared an update on the status of Impact Navarro Coalition.

They have had their funding cut and need our support in sharing their great work with our local representatives.

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### Summer Series Events

**School Readiness Team** – hosted three events this summer which all had great turnouts.

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### Updates

**RBA Teams** – Offered time for sign-ups to those interested on being on a team.

**Health Team** – August 13<sup>th</sup> – 11:00-12:30 – working on Nutrition Event

**Safety/Connection Team** – August 20<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 – 12:30 – working on School Counselors networking event and Postpartum Mental Health Event

**School Readiness Team** – August 27<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 – 12:30 – working on LFL and Daycare Appreciation

**Bright-by-Text** – we now have 596 subscribers

**PAC – Burgandy P** - there will be a new format for their future meetings and PAC update will be pushed to beginning of ECC meetings

**Bundle of Joy – Ashley P** – Have packed 400 boxes – shared information on some social media awareness which will be done August 1-7<sup>th</sup> for National Breastfeeding Week.

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### Fall Events

**August 20<sup>th</sup>** – Developing Your Child’s Relationship with Food

**September 4<sup>th</sup>** – Counselors Networking Meeting

**September 26<sup>th</sup>** – Postpartum Mental Health Event

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**Agenda and Time of Next Meetings**

**Parent Café – August 15, 2024 – 5:30 – 7:30 PM**

**Navarro County Early Childhood Coalition – September 26, 2024 – 1:00 -3:00 PM**

**Health – August 13, 2024 – 11:00-12:30 PM – GT Suite 102/Zoom**

**Safety/Connection – August 20, 2024 – 11:00-12:30 PM – GT Suite 102/Zoom**

**School Readiness – August 27, 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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