

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

5:00 PM Monday, April 11, 2023

Virtual via MS Teams

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT

Connie Anderson, Jay Myrechuck, Joe Gonyo, Paulette Feld, Shawn Ross, Donna Blend, S Joyann Repp

STAFF

Tanya Marcoe, Tony Beregszazi

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by President, Connie Anderson. A quorum of 7/7 was present.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Paulette Feld with a second by Donna Blend to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Donna Blend with a second by S Joyann Repp to approve the February 9, 2023, Executive meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF NEW HEAD START DIRECTOR, APRIL MULLINS-DATKO

Tony Beregszazi presented to the Executive Committee that ADVOCAP was recruiting candidates for the vacant Head Start Director position. The position was posted internally and externally which resulted in nine applications, and one applicant's qualifications stood out well above the others, those of April Mullins-Datko.

April has a strong educational background and impressive credentials. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Child and Family Studies with a concentration in Child Development; a Master of Arts in Education with a major in Special Education, certification as a Community Action Professional, State of Kentucky Director's Credentials, and is a CLASS Pre-K Trainer.

April Mullins-Datko is the Associate Director of Child Development for the Community Action Agency in Berea, Kentucky. She has been with the Community Action Council for Lexington-Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison, and Nicholas Counties Inc. since 2009. In her tenure with the CAC, she implemented and provided oversight to EHS and HS services, planning, assessments, and administration responsibilities such as:

- Prepared and negotiated 34 interagency agreements with partners, including 16 school districts.
- Administered and maintained Classroom Assessments Scoring System (CLASS) for all CAC Head Start Programs.
- Successfully implemented Creative Curriculum for all CAC HS Programs.
- Maintained compliance with State and Federal regulation, with no deficient findings.
- Oversaw the redesigning of 80 classrooms and six playgrounds for compliance with State Childcare Licensing.



- Directly supervised 12 Children's Service Coordinators, 200 Child Development Center staff, and 18 Permanent Supplemental staff for the Council's Head Start Programs.
- Implemented and managed the Child-Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).
- Raised over \$1.5 million in non-federal match, including donations, in-kind services, and volunteer time.
- Liaison to Migrant Head Start, and the list goes on...

April was interviewed by Connie, Tanya, and Tony on March 31st, April's references were contacted on April 3rd, and she was offered the Head Start Director position pending the required background checks, approval from the ADVOCAP Board, Head Start Policy Council, and the Office of Head Start. April has accepted our offer with the above conditions.

A motion was made by Donna Blend with a second by Paulette Feld to approve the hiring of April Mullins-Datko as the Head Start Director as presented. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL FOR APPLYING TO ENVISION FOR FOND DU LAC COUNTY WORKER RELOCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Tanya Marcoe presented to the Executive Committee an opportunity to apply for a grant at ENVISION for the Fond du Lac County Worker Relocation Incentive Program in the amount of \$10,000 to cover the costs of April's relocation from Kentucky to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Joe Gonyo and seconded by Paulette Feld to approve applying to ENVISION for the Fond du Lac County Relocation Incentive Program as presented. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements:

Tanya announced that Lt. Governor Sarah Rodriguez visited ADVOCAP today and discussed Community Action, the Skills Enhancement Nursing Program offered by ADVOCAP as well as the new Childcare Incubator Program that ADVOCAP is launching. The Lt. Governor met some of ADVOCAP's Headstart children as well.

Tanya Marcoe, Tony Beregszazi, RoseAnn Henning, and Justin McArthur looked at Sacred Heart School located on Western and Peters as a possible location for the Fond du Lac Headstart classrooms.

Tanya Marcoe announced that Jim Chatterton and Sadie Vandervelde have resigned their positions on the Board. Tanya will present their replacements at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Upcoming meetings are as follows:

- a) ADVOCAP's Annual Meeting May 11, 2023, at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Fond du Lac from 5:00pm until 8:00pm
- b) Committee Meetings June 8, 2023, at ADVOCAP in the Head Start Activity room in Fond du Lac.
- c) Board meeting, and Executive Committee meeting July 13, 2023, in Prairie View.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jay Myrechuck with a second by Shawn Ross to adjourn the meeting 5:36 PM. Motion carried.

Minutes By: Pam Ziegler