**MALea Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday September 28th, 2022**

**2:30am-3:05am**

**Members Present:** Jessica McCrory (Chair), Kenneth Pettigrew, Vivien Stearns

**Members Absent:** Natashi Williams, Debbie Best

**Smart Start Staff Present:** Louis Finney (Chief Executive Director of SSFC), Garet Beane (Chief Strategy Officer) Melissa Estler (Director of Continuous Quality Improvements and Partnerships for SSFC), Tabitha McAllister (Chief Program Officer of SSFC), Deysi Reyes (Child Care Scholarships), Saquana Terry (Child Care Scholarship), Vanessa Sawyer-Wilson (Teaching and Learning Services), Betty Trujillo (Teaching and Learning Services)

**Public**, Katura Jackson (Child Care Resource Center), Elizabeth Miller (The Parenting PATH) Karen Flynt (The Parenting PATH), Adam Hill (Forsyth Futures), Laurie Brown(Imprints Cares), Elizabeth Mitchell (Imprints Cares) Sarah Heinemeier (Compass).

**Call to Order**

A quorum was established, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business. The meeting was called to order at 2:35 am.

**Welcome/Public Comment**

Jessica opened the floor for public comment. Shana Heilbron shared that she would be moving in to a new position as the Regional Executive director at Crossnore.

Jessica McCrory also shared that this would be her last meeting as the Chair of the MALea committee and thanked everyone for their service.

**Review and Adopt Agenda**

Jessica McCrory reviewed the agenda. Jessica McCrory then asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion: Kenneth Pettigrew

Second: Vivien

There was unanimous approval, motion carried.

**For Committee Action**

Melissa Estler presented the August meeting minutes.

Jessica requested a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion: Vivien Stearns

Second: Kenneth Pettigrew

There was unanimous approval, motion carried

Melissa Estler presented the option to move the November meeting to November 30th to avoid conflicts with the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Jessica requested a motion to move the November MALea meeting to November 30th.

Motion: Kenneth Pettigrew

Second: Vivien Stearns

There was unanimous approval, motion carried.

**Committee Review and Discussion**

The Quarter four provider report for 21-22 was shared with the committee and they were given the opportunity to ask questions. Kenneth Pettigrew shared that he was happy to see the service numbers increasing as we bounce back from the previous 2 years of the pandemic.

Melissa Estler provided some clarity around data points under the Community Outreach and Education section as well as the Center For Exceptional Children section.

**Open Discussion**

Jessica opened the floor for open discussion. There was none.

**Next Meeting**

The next committee meeting is scheduled for October 26th, 2:30pm-4:00pm

**Motion to Adjourn.**

Jessica McCrory requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Kenneth Pettigrew

Second: Vivien Stearns

There was unanimous approval, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at: 3:00pm.