



Jackson County Smart Start / Local Interagency Coordinating Council Team  
 Meeting Minutes  
 Date: 9/11/24  
 Minutes completed by Jody Miller

**Welcome and Introductions**

Barbara Jefferys (NC PreK); Tami Hicks (RAPC); Deanna Lyles (RAPC); Grover Hill (Vaya); Nicky Passarello (SWCDC); Desiree Durning (AmeriHealth); Sarah Turner (JCPH); Mary Krekeler (CDSA); Paige Christie (Community Table); Lauren Lumsden (Healthy Blue); Jan Plummer (Mtn Projects); Petra Giles (Schools); Tabitha Justice (Mtn Projects); Mitt Arbelius-Poole (Pisgah Legal); Lori Baker (Legal Aid); Cassie Rogers (Schools); and Jody Miller (RAPC/FSN)

**Presentations**

Paige provided valuable information about the Community Table and the services provided. The meal program, which she doesn't like the name soup kitchen, provides meals four nights a week—Monday, Tuesdays, Thursday and Fridays from 4 pm to 5:30 pm. 2 meals are provided—can eat both there or eat one there and take one with. Food pantry allows visits 2 a month. With the food boxes, USDA standards are followed which means what is in the box is given to the individual however they can give anything back and take from the pantry. Food boxes contain meat, vegetable, starch, juice and fruit. There are no requirements to have a meal, visit the food pantry, or get a food box. They do as for some demographics as they are required to report certain things plus they need to know how much food to give based on household size. There is also free cooking classes in cooperation with Uncomplicated Kitchen. The Community Table is also a Free Library location. Once a month Manna Express provides produce. Next time is Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 am until the food runs out. Day old bread and donated produce at unrestricted. They do a fundraiser called the Empty Bowl which will be 4/18/25.

**Upcoming Presentations**

October—Parents as Teachers  
 November—open  
 December—open  
 January-open  
 February-open  
 March—Parents as Teachers  
 April-open  
 May—open  
 June—Planning for next fiscal year

**Smart Start Strategic Plan**

The team is focusing on Women who receive early prenatal care—76.7% in 2021 from 80.6% in 2020. Even though there was a slight decrease it is still a concern.  
  
 The team is focusing on Children in households that are food insecure: 16.0% in

	<p>2021 from 19.7% in 2019. Even though it is going down, the team felt this was still a concern and a data point to target.</p> <p>The last data point the team wants to impact on is children 3rd grade students scoring proficient in reading—43.2% in 2020-2021 which increase from 36.3% in 2020-2021.</p>
<b>LICC Strategic Plan</b>	Child find activity to encourage family participation and bring awareness and education to the families.
<b>Activities to Achieve Strategies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Organizing a Roll and Read event.</li> </ul>
<b>General Team Goals</b>	<p>Desired outputs for 2023 - 2024:</p> <p>Number of meetings/times review goals: 9 (2); Number of events: 1 (1); Number of team member / community presentations: 9 (2)</p>
<b>Old / New Business</b>	Petra informed the group that Kelly Doppke has taken on a position with DPI.
<b>Planned Community Events</b>	November 9, 2024—Roll ‘n’ Read from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at Cullowhee Rec Center.
<b>What worked, what should we do differently, and when do we meet again</b>	<b>Our next meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2024.</b>