

***School Readiness Committee***  
***Meeting Minutes***  
West Reading Room, Patrick Henry Building  
1111 E. Broad Street, Richmond VA 23219  
Thursday, November 10, 2016  
10am – 1pm

## **Agenda**

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- Welcome
- Overview of Early Childhood in Virginia
- Review of NAM Team Work and Recommendations
- Narrowing the Committee Goals and Building Committee Structures
- Overview of the 3 Subcommittees
- Break/ Pick up lunches/ Reconvene in subcommittees
- Report out, Next Steps and Adjournment

## **Welcome**

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Mark Gordon, Chair of the Committee, welcomed everyone and reviewed the meeting agenda for the afternoon. He introduced Gail Johnson as the SRC Vice Chair; and invited Sec. Trent and Sec. Hazel to provide remarks.

## **Overview of Early Childhood in Virginia**

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Allison Lutton provided the subcommittee an overview of early childhood landscape in Virginia. This included:

- Recap of national/research from last meeting
- Brief review of Upskilling the Workforce working paper
- Begin to define the problem: In order to make the most strategic investments in early childhood development that will result in durable positive outcomes for children (especially at-risk children), Virginia needs to groom a stronger bench of highly competent teachers for early learning classrooms.
- She urged the committee to consider the parameters for committee work over the next few weeks, including the need to clearly define the problem; identify what age groups we want to focus on; what types of early learning settings we want to cover; and begin to develop logic model/theory of change.
- She referenced the Upskilling paper and brain builders documents provided in their folders

## **Review of NAM Team Work and Recommendations**

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Sara Miller and Christine Schull, SRC members and members of the NAM Team, provided an overview of the project, team members, scope and process of that initiative. They referenced the 4 page summary document from the NAM team frequently.

## **Narrowing the Committee Goals and Building Committee Structure**

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Mark Gordon laid out 3 possible committees and co-chairs, and invited conversation around the proposed structure from committee members. They are:

1. What are our state priorities for this workforce? Co-chaired by retired Senator Walter Stosch and former Delegate Rob Krupicka
2. To what extent do PD standards and structures reflect current knowledge? Co-chaired by Irene Carney, Executive Director of Sabot School at Stony Point here in Richmond; and Chris Chin, Director of Community Partnerships at the Robbins Foundation
3. To what extent do PD opportunities provide a clear, stackable, affordable continuum? Co-chaired by Sara Miller, Professor at Longwood's School of Education; and Christine Schull, Professor at Northern Virginia Community College

Then he invited each of the subcommittee chairs to share a little about themselves and their ideas for the committee. Members were encouraged to simply select a subcommittee of interest and participate as they are able.

The meeting then adjourned for a break, so members could pick up boxed lunches, and subcommittees reconvened in breakout rooms from 12:15 – 12:40.

## **Next Steps and Adjournment**

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After small group conversations, the subcommittees reported back on some preliminary themes and issues they anticipate having to wrestle with. Mark announced that on Dec 8, all three subcommittees will meet simultaneously at Williams Mullen from 1-3pm.