

**Community Education Coalition (CEC)
Early Childhood Coalition Meeting**

December 10, 2015

1:30 p.m.

Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce

The meeting was called to order with the following in attendance: Amy Hicks Angie Austin Cindy Ash Robin Harmon

The group agreed the November Summit was very well received and was a great event. However, the majority of the attendees were from education, non-profits, and early childhood providers. The business community was not well represented. Mr. Williford will be asked if he can offer assistance with garnering more support from the business community.

As action items from the Summit, we would like to create a group of presenters who will go out to employers to talk the employees during lunch, etc. about the importance of early childhood education, what quality providers look like, how to get assistance, and what each parent can do when the child is at home. Those who have signed up to date are: Amy Hicks, Robin Harmon, Cheri Kearney, Cindy Ash, and Noel Purdy. Other prospects are Andy Williford, Jeff Gayman, Nickie Fickle of Summit Health, and possible some people from the Chambersburg Cares Group. Amy will work with Gretchen to set up a training session in January.

Robin will talk to Cindy Bennett of Step NC about how they got their business community engaged.

Another idea for the coalition for the future include Principal for a Day in an early learning environment. Also, Amy suggested putting together a program on how to start a quality daycare. Robin will contact SBDC about partnering with this.

ETIC funds for 2016 are in jeopardy because if the budget impasse. We do not know what the future of this will be.