July 6, 2022

9:00 to 10:30

ECAP Meeting

Bright Futures - 657 West Colorado Avenue

MINUTES

ECAP Members in Attendance
Kathleen Merritt (Executive Director, Bright Futures)
John Pandolfo (Telluride School District Superintendent)
Todd Bittner (Norwood School District Superintendent)
Cheryl Miller (Community Member at Large)

Additional Attendees:
Cathy Barber (Strong Start Program Coordinator)
Miriam Campana (Office and Development Manager, Bright Futures)

9:00 Welcome

9:03 Childcare/Preschool in Norwood

- Bittner updated panel on the Norwood School District’s needs and tentative plans for child care in Norwood
- Discussed ways to expand childcare options, preserve existing child care and support the families of Norwood to be in control of how to adapt to additional needs and imminent changes in their community
  - Pinon Park development, Town of Mountain Village development, and Universal Preschool (UPK)
- ACTION ITEMS:
  - Barber will attend next Primetime monthly board meeting in August
  - Merritt and Barber available to present at Norwood School District board in September:
    - Explain importance of high quality care, current child care needs and challenges in Norwood, UPK, type of support Strong Start currently gives Primetime

Financial Aid Update – Cathy

- 60 applicants total
  - Half have indicated they’re potentially eligible for CCAP
  - Likely quarter of applicants are actually eligible
  - More families with more children than ever applied
- After families have applied to CCAP, Barber will return to panel with breakdown of $190,000 to maximize funding for this upcoming school year
Strong Start Administrative Updates

- Bright Futures applied to be the Lead Coordinating Organization for UPK
- Bright Futures’ insurance increased by 10.7% which will impact the Strong Start administrative budget.
- Discussed housing developments and plans for future child care
  - Still waiting to hear back from Town of Telluride regarding Sunnyside Ridge and Strong Start’s role in identifying an occupant there

10:35 Adjourn