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AGENDA

I. Roll Call (Avian Jones)

II. Public Comment Period
The public is invited to provide comments relevant to the SC Early Childhood Advisory Council and/or South Carolina First Steps during this period. Members of the public wishing to speak must sign up before the meeting. Comments should be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker.

III. Call to Order and Approve Agenda (Jennifer McConnell)
Motion: To adopt the agenda as submitted
Motion: To adopt the August 18, 2022 minutes as submitted
Attachments: SC First Steps Board of TrusteesAugust 18, 2022 Minutes

IV. Consent Agenda: Motions Recommended by Committees (Jennifer McConnell)

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Whereas the poverty threshold for Medicaid eligibility for children includes the poverty threshold for other public benefit programs, like the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC);

Whereas Medicaid eligibility is an eligibility criterion for First Steps 4K and First Steps 4K students are sometimes a target population of local partnership programs, like for Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY);

Whereas identifying those eligible, but not enrolled and assisting them in the enrollment process can lead to improved health and health care access.

Motion: That Medicaid eligibility for children birth through age five is added to the list of First Steps approved risk factors. (Program and Grants Committee recommends)

b. Whereas exposure to caregiver/parent mental health and substance use issues and living in poverty or a low-income household are risk factors for early school failure already adopted by the Board;
Whereas Medicaid coverage can lead to improved maternal health at birth and for one year postpartum and healthy moms have an increased likelihood of healthy babies.

Attachments : Local Partnership Program and Grants Committee Report, Local Partnership Program and Grants Committee Meeting Minutes, STEB Strategy, W**e**kend Backpacks Nutrition Programs, READY Infrastructure and Capacity Grants FY23

VIII. Finance and Administration Committee (Tim Holt)
Attachments : Finance and Administration Committee Report, Finance and Administration Committee Meeting Minutes, FY 202

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