**CGIC Education**

**September 7, 2021**

**9 -10:30 am via Go to Meeting**

**Attendance:** Angela Dorsey, *Chatham County Youth Initiative;* Chiquetta Thompson, *Mediation* Center; Danielle Edwards, *Greenbriar Children’s Center*; Gena Taylor, *Greenbriar Children’s Center*; Heather Griffin, *Breakthrough Behavior*; Lola Shelton, *Live Oak Public Libraries*; Michael Messer, *United Way of the Coastal Empire*; Rachale LaVoie, DECAL; Rhonda Barlow, *Chatham Public Schools Nutrition* Coordinator; Rachel McConathy, *CGIC*; Lizann Roberts, *CGIC*

**Review Meeting Notes:** No changes were made to the previous meeting notes.

**Early Learning/Quality Rated Activities**

**Rachale LaVoie, DECAL –** We are continuing the programs in Chatham County areas. Mostly everyone who applied (teachers and bus drivers) has received their $1,000 bonus or are in the process of receiving it. We are moving into Cohort 4, for facilities trying to become Quality Rated. Those facilities are working on their portfolio or assessment pieces. DECAL is not fully active out in the field. DECAL is working with Greenbriar on their Community Transformation Grant. The Community Transformation Grant works with childhood programs in the community and focuses on ACES.

**Education Team Focus**

**Lizann Roberts** – Please complete the Community Blueprint Survey, ranking the strategies for each goal to see where we can get most traction. We will send out a recap of the old notes and new notes to have a discussion in our next meeting about the results and what action we can take in the last quarter of this year leading into 2022. Your feedback will help identify what is most urgent to address in the community. These are the strategies under each goal that this team decided to put their efforts to:

Strategy 1.03: Expand Georgia’s BEST curriculum (incorporation of soft skills, communication, and leadership skills) in all middle and high schools and consider expansion into post-secondary education courses.

Strategy 2.01: Increase number of opportunities for youth and young adults to access job shadowing, apprenticeship programs, and internships to include “green-friendly” approaches to agriculture and infrastructure.

Strategy 3.03: Increase parental understanding of school attendance and ensure enforcement of truancy policies and facilitate broad awareness of barriers to school attendance.

Strategy 4.01: Strategy 4.01: Promote early reading and vocabulary development beginning at birth.

**Partner Highlights**

**Gena Taylor** – Greenbriar signed an agreement with the Department of Early Care and Learning for the Community Transformation Grant. Staff members are scheduled to participate in ACE’s training. We are currently working on the training schedule for providers and parents for Connections Matter Training (remote). More information will be shared at the next meeting.

**Next Education Team Meeting – November 2, 2021 @ 9 am via Go to Meeting**

**Next CGIC General Membership Meeting – December 1, 2021 @ 8:30 am via Go to Meeting**