

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, July 25, 2019

President's Report

A. North Carolina Partnership for Children (NCPC) Updates / DCDEE Updates / Legislative Updates

1. **NCPC** – Our Smart Start contract has been executed at 100% of our base allocation with the adjustments for MAC sites. Any additional funding and carry-forward funds from local partnership reversions will be done through contract amendments. NCPC is also updating the Qualification Requirements for a Local Partnership Executive Director. The drafts contain language very similar to how our succession plan is written and the process by which I was hired.
2. **DCDEE** – NC Pre-K Contract documents are submitted. Regional contracts are in progress. We will ask for advances for each of these contracts.
3. **NC Legislature** – Senate and House still in session. Anticipate Senate going home at the end of the week and reconvening at the end of August. Working on some stopgap budget items and a few other bills. Programs will continue to be funded at levels from the prior fiscal year until a new budget is adopted.
 - a. **Budget – Vetoed by Governor. Negotiations still in play.** Comparison of Nonprofit Provisions in the House & Senate Budgets and the Compromise Budget attached. The Governor announced a counterproposal that includes \$10M in recurring funds to Smart Start.
 - b. **Bills under consideration:** S212 includes Childcare Workforce Compensation & Education from HB 882. The workforce parts for early childhood were added to a bill with other items including NC FAST, Medicaid Transformation and Assisted Living Rules. The Bill was supported in the House and is still in conference committee.

B. Grant Opportunities

1. **NC Pre-K Capacity Grant** – Has not been awarded yet.
2. **Bank of America Charitable Foundation** – Grant proposal to enhance targeted work with Family Child Care Homes and Centers working towards Star Level 4 & 5. Received notification that we did not get this grant.
3. **Cumberland Community Foundation Grant** – In process of writing grant for 5 years of funding to begin implementation of Family Connects. Focus is on adding a Community Alignment Specialist to support building out the resource database, community engagement and marketing. We continue to have discussions on the entity that will be the best to implement the model. The grant cycle opened in June and is due August 11.
4. **Community Block Development Grant through the City of Fayetteville's Economic and Community Development Department** – will be working on an application to support our Infrastructure project. Next grant is due in December. Steve Fleming will begin his assessment of building needs in early September.

- C. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** – Sharon Moyer attended the DPIL conference in June. A documentary is being developed and will be available for screenings in communities. In Erie, PA there is a cooperative program with the Erie Playhouse and United Way bringing lessons around books children receive from DPIL to childcare programs and then having a play performance at the end of the year. There had already been some conversation with the theater here as well as the Arts Council for potential collaboration in 2020/21. This could be a good vehicle for community engagement around literacy efforts. Sharon has been in contact with United Way and will meet with them to share information from the conference.
- D. Family Connects** – Entering Year 2 of community capacity assessment. Exploring grant opportunities to initiate implementation. Continue to assess entity to implement model. We continue to coordinate the efforts for this initiative.
- E. Kerri Hurley** – Has been recognized as an outstanding Kindermusik Educator with the **2019 Kindermusik Outreach Recipient award**. PFC provides funding for training and coaching in utilizing music in daily lesson plans for classes of at-risk pre-kindergarten children and their teachers.
- F. Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) visit – July 15.** Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina coordinated with the SOAR Steering Committee to talk with DHHS staff about Cumberland County Community Child Abuse Prevention Plan. Rebecca Planchard, Senior Early Childhood Policy Advisor, brought her team and spent the day with team members and board members connecting the state's Early Childhood Action Plan with our work. Representative Billy Richardson attended the lunch meeting with DHHS.
- G. Rotary International** – Pairing with Save the Children for “**Together We Read**” Initiative. This will be a Rotary led initiative. Dawn Rochelle from Onslow County is spearheading the efforts in our District. We have had contact with the Liberty Point Rotary Club.
- H. Events**
 - 1. Back to School Jamboree – August 17, 9:00 am-3:00 pm; Gillespie Street.
 - 2. Reader's Choice Awards – August 22, 6:00-9:00 pm; Crown. We are in the top three for Best Nonprofit.
 - 3. Staff Development Day – August 26, 9:00 am-2:00 pm; Professional Development (Implicit Bias)