

**Board of Directors Meeting
(Virtual Meeting)
Thursday, July 30, 2020
President's Report**

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

1. **NCPC** – Meeting twice weekly with network executive directors
 - Anticipate full allocation in August; carry-forward funds by October.
 - \$5M in additional CARES funding (part of a total of \$20M for early childhood). Focus will be on statewide resilience efforts and support for business training and software for Family Child Care Homes and small centers. All partnerships in the network will have access to training and support around these areas.
 - Continued priorities with COVID Relief – Family support and trauma-informed communities, supporting early care and education programs, literacy programs, Child Care Health Consultants, Equity issues.
 - Amy Cubbage, new President for NCPC, starts August 3.
2. **DCDEE** – PowerPoint from July 29, 2020 Governor's Education and Nutrition Working Group meeting attached.
 - Programs must be open to get subsidy payments beginning in June.
 - Parent fees are being covered for July and August.
 - Programs that are open must meet enhanced health and safety standards.
 - PPE and cleaning supplies being provided by state to child care providers. Open programs being shipped 4-8 week supplies directly to sites.
 - Operations Grants for programs that are open.
 - Still waiting for guidance on NC Pre-K operations for the 20-21 school year.
 - Has surveyed licensed child care providers on capacity to provide school-age care. DCDEE is exploring options for community-based organizations to provide full-day school age care during school closures/Plan C scenarios. We assisted Cumberland County Schools in convening sessions with child care providers to collaborate in providing school-age care.
3. **NC Legislature** – The short session focused on COVID-19 relief and allocation of federal CARES money.
4. **Leandro Action Plan for 20-21**- Key Early Childhood Actions for FY 20-21 to Provide a Sound, Basic Education. See attached Overview
5. **Federal Legislation** – House and Senate working on additional COVID relief bills. The bills vary widely. There is relief for early childhood and schools in the bills.

B. Grant Opportunities/Updates

1. **Infrastructure Grant Opportunities:** Applied for a second round of Longleaf Hurricane grant funding. **Granted \$75,000.** (Requested \$250,000). Steve Fleming submitted his second report of **Probable Cost for the infrastructure project. Estimate is \$1.2M.**
2. **PDG RFPs from NCPC for Regional Family Connects Pilots and Family Engagement have been**

delayed. Anticipate they will be released August – September. (The PDG grant also includes funding for NC Pre-K sites for Teaching Strategies GOLD.)

C. COVID-19 Updates

1. **PFC implemented its HR 110 Communicable Disease Policy on Monday, March 16. Building closed to general public March 30 and this status continues.**
2. **Phase 2:** We are implementing procedures and protocols following federal and state health and safety guidelines for returning to work. The Governor has extended Phase 2 through August 7 and mandated the wearing of masks.
3. **PFC Guidelines:**
 - a. Staggered schedules continue, determined by supervisors by department to manage business and programmatic functions. Staggered schedules may include a combination of teleworking and on-site work.
 - b. Staff continuing to telework the majority of work time include TAs and Professional Development staff and staff who are in high-risk categories.
 - c. Masks provided to all staff to reinforce the 3 Ws.
 - d. PFC Staff, Tenants and their clients, and contractors (i.e. cleaning and security) must complete a screening questionnaire for COVID-19 prior to entry into the building.
 - e. Family First Paid Sick Leave and FMLA Expansion available for those staff who meet the criteria.
 - f. Virtual options for contact with families and providers continue. Limited face-to-face contact with families and providers done with supervisor guidance when dictated to complete deliverables. In those cases, procedures for 3 Ws and screening are followed.
 - g. Began limited utilization of conference room space for groups of no more than 10 people effective June 22 in order to meet deliverables. Screening procedures, the 3 Ws and cleaning procedures must be followed by all participants including the facilitator of the group.
 - h. Enhanced cleaning of the building throughout the day continues.
 - i. The building is restricted to PFC staff, tenants and tenant clients by appointment only. Access is Monday-Friday only, with client appointments during the hours of 8:30 am – 6:00 pm. The building remains closed on weekends and PFC recognized holidays at least through August 7.
 - j. Per Policy HR 110, President maintains regular contact with Board Chair for review and continuation of services. Regular communication going out to Board. Decisions are made based on state guidance and mandates.
 - k. Email Updates and DHHS Guidance documents posted on website: ccpfc.org.

D. Resource Lending Library Van – Based on board action the Education Express was disposed of and went to the Make-A-Wish Foundation last week.

E. Events

1. **Board and Committee Meetings:** Meetings will be conducted virtually at least through the end of September due to space limits of conference rooms for social distancing. When we resume face-to-face meetings, a virtual option will continue to be available.
2. **All Staff Virtual meetings:** Effective July 8 conducted second and fourth Wednesdays, 2:30-3:30 pm through the duration of the COVID-19 emergency.