

Executive Committee (Acting on Behalf of Board)
(Virtual Meeting)
Thursday, October 29, 2020
President's Report

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

1. **NCPC** – Continuing to meet twice weekly with network executive directors.
 - 100% allocation plus carry-forward funds: budget amendments anticipated in October/November. Beginning planning for recommendations for carry-forward funds.
 - \$5M in additional CARES funding (part of a total of \$20M for early childhood. Implementation began October 1. We are participating in Resources for Resilience training and support for Wonderschool business software for Family Child Care Homes. Access to technology is available to participating families and FCCHs. EDNC article on Wonderschool: <https://www.ednc.org/relief-funds-support-home-based-child-care-as-a-key-part-of-early-education-during-and-after-the-pandemic/>.
2. **DCDEE** – Continue to monitor updated guidance for child care programs and NC PreK operation.
 - Subsidy programs operating under normal processes in September. Payment will be based on actual attendance and Parent Fees are no longer being waived. Programs must meet enhanced health and safety standards.
 - Daily reporting to DCDEE about vacancies and enrollment has shifted to a weekly report through a provider portal. Our Region 5 staff have been assisting providers with access to the portal.
 - PPE and cleaning supplies continue to be available to child care providers, with vendors delivering directly to them. Open programs continue to receive operations grants, at reduced amounts for the months of August, September and October.
 - NC PreK – reports must be submitted to the state every two weeks on the status of operation in all of our sites. Annual monitoring for sites is on hold and new format is developed to account for the variety of operating scenarios. We have converted to allocation-based data for funding requests so that funding can be requested from DCDEE for payment. Providers received their 1/10th payments based on the state Guidance in September and October, dependent on when their contracts were executed.
 - Guidance for accessing school-age funding for parents through CARES allocation has been sent to providers and is posted for families on the DHHS website.
 - 2019 Workforce Study has been published by Child Care Services Association. Cumberland County Data and Executive Summary attached. Link to full report: https://www.childcareservices.org/wp-content/uploads/CCSA_2020_Statewide_WorkStudyRprt-FINAL-web.pdf
3. **Cumberland County Commissioners** – Allocated \$250,000 of CARES funds for organizations to operate virtual learning centers in grades K-8. The submission deadline was extended till October 21.

4. **NC Legislature** – The General Assembly allocated COVID-19 relief through federal CARES money in their September session. Allocations included \$35M in flexible operational grants for licensed child care providers, \$8M to support low income families seeking remote learning opportunities in licensed and community based programs, \$19M to certain community based organizations to provide access to remote learning, flexibility on certain child care licensing requirements for community based programs during a state of emergency (temporary), a New Extra Credit Grant of \$335 to households with one or more children due to school closures.
5. **Federal Level** – Federal Register Publication of the FY 2022-2024 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan Preprint <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/news/federal-register-publication-of-the-fy-2022-2024-child-care-and-development-fund-ccdf-plan-preprint>. The public comment period ends November 10, 2020.

B. Grant Opportunities/Updates

1. **Infrastructure Grant Opportunities:** Have signed agreement with Steve Fleming for Phase 1 of the project.
2. **PDG RFP from NCPC for Family Connects Pilots anticipated in next 60 days.** NCPC has scheduled Bidders Meeting with Executive Directors on November 12.
3. **State Child Care Health Consultant Expansion Project** – Regional focus, NCPC informational meeting October 29.

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 3 Extension:** We are implementing procedures and protocols following federal and state health and safety guidelines for returning to work. The Governor has extended Phase 3 through November 13. North Carolina's trends have been going up. Some states have put in place travel restrictions for persons from NC (and other states whose numbers have increased significantly). Schools continue to have the option to function under three different plans. Most of our child care programs are open and operating under enhanced health and safety standards.
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 primarily teleworking include TAs and Professional Development staff and staff who are in high-risk categories.
 - c. Family First Paid Sick Leave and FMLA Expansion available for those staff who meet the criteria.
 - d. Masks provided to all staff to reinforce the 3 Ws. 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. Enhanced cleaning of the building throughout the day continues.
 - f. The building is restricted to PFC staff, tenants and tenant clients by appointment only. Access is Monday-Friday during the hours of 8:30 am – 6:00 pm with extended hours two evenings a week

until 9:00 pm and one Saturday each month from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. The building remains closed all other weekends and PFC recognized holidays through Phase 3 Executive Orders.

- g. Limited utilization of conference room space for groups of no more than 10 people continues. Screening procedures, the 3 Ws and cleaning procedures must be followed by all participants including the facilitator of the group.
- h. 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.
- i. Per Policy HR 110, President maintains regular contact with Board Chair for review and continuation of services. Regular communication going out to Board and staff. Decisions are made based on federal and state guidance and mandates.
- j. Email Updates and DHHS Guidance documents posted on website: ccpfc.org.

D. PFC Audit/NCPC Monitoring

- 1. Auditors did their virtual site work the week of August 31. Follow-up work continues with auditors.
- 2. NCPC Monitor on site the week of September 21. Staff provided documents requested ahead of time and have met with monitor upon request during site visit. Follow up will occur as she completes her review and report. Expect report to be completed in the next few weeks.

E. RFPs

- 1. **The RFP for the Three-Year Smart Start Grant Cycle** July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 posted. Proposals will be uploaded via our website.
- 2. **The RFPs for a new phone system (VoIP), Sustainability Planning Consultant and the Google Ad Grant Certified Professional** have closed. Determination of awards and timing in process.

F. PFC FY 20/21 United Way Campaign – We are participating in a Virtual Campaign this year. To participate on behalf of PFC, go to <https://www.unitedway-cc.org/pfcampaign/>. Our goal is \$8,500.

G. Events

- 1. **The Fayetteville Readers' Choice Awards – October 29 from 6:00-7:30 pm.** We are a finalist and are hoping to be named the top choice for Nonprofit in our community for the THIRD year in a row. We encourage you to join us <http://yourchoiceawards.com/910>, password [congrats910](#).
- 2. **Circle of Friends Corporate and Community Campaign** – launching around November 5 in combination with the Cumberland Community Foundation Giving Guide being published in CityView Magazine.
- 3. **Board and Committee Meetings:** Meetings conducted virtually at least through the duration of the COVID-19 emergency 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.
- 4. **All Staff Virtual meetings:** Continue the second and fourth Wednesdays, 2:30-3:30 pm through the duration of the COVID-19 emergency.
- 5. **Recruiting for RFP Allocation Review teams** for an estimated 15-20 hour commitment from January to March over three meetings and application review and scoring. Contact Pamela Federline (pfederline@ccpfc.org) if you are interested in chairing one of the three teams or being on one of the teams. Allocation Review teams will meet on January 12, February 9 and March 9 from 2:00-5:00 pm.