

## Executive Committee (Acting as Board) (Hybrid Meeting) Thursday, June 30, 2022 President's Report

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

#### 1. NCPC

- **Legislative agenda** focused on requesting an increase in the aggregate administrative rate from 8% to 10% for Smart Start.
- End of the year fiscal and programmatic monitoring and reporting is in process.
- **Amicus Brief to be filed by the NC Justice Center and other organizations** – this brief follows the Fall 2022 Statement from NC Early Childhood organizations on the Leandro ruling. The Amicus Brief states the agreement that adequately funding of the Leandro Plan is the first critical step to providing a sound, basic education for NC children, including early childhood supports.
- Penalty for not meeting Cash/In-Kind match has been waived. It is still crucial to document all donations to go towards the state aggregate. We are finalizing the final quarter reporting.
- **NCPC** – Annual Submission of Activities was submitted April 29. Budgets for FY 22-23 have been reviewed and presented to Finance Committee and full Board today. Budgets were submitted to NCPC this week in preparation for contracting.
- **State Expansion of Child Care Health Consultants** – The amendment on the Expansion grant for the No Cost extension through September 30, 2022 has been executed. The Health Department continues to work on filling the last CCHC position for the expansion grant.
- **PDG Grant for Regional Pilots for Family Connects** – 4C has filled their nurse vacancy. PFC has posted the new Program Support Specialist position. Recruitment began on site at the hospital beginning May 23. Home visits began in person the week of June 2. **Eligible births\*** are those from Cumberland, Hoke and Robeson Counties. We continue to review data for potential scaling up of the pilot and are having preliminary discussions with additional hospitals. Conversations are focused on potential hospitals and counties in our region. Updated budgets were submitted for a potential Year 3 of funding.

	10/4/2021	1/25/2022	2/15/2022	3/15/2022	4/15/2022	5/15/2022	6/15/2022
Total Births	0	1130	1367	1615	1913	2185	2465
<b>Eligible*</b>	0	<b>967</b>	<b>1169</b>	<b>1381</b>	<b>1644</b>	<b>1864</b>	<b>2101</b>
Not Eligible	0	163	198	234	269	321	364
Decline		138 14.27%	155 13.26%	180 13.03%	189 11.50%	202 10.84%	225 10.71%
Scheduled		377 38.99%	449 38.41%	539 39.03%	580 35.28%	647 34.71%	647 30.79%
Completed		270 27.92%	348 29.77%	445 32.22%	557 33.88%	667 35.78%	773 36.79%
Pending		102 10.55%	140 11.98%	137 9.92%	238 14.48%	260 13.95%	275 13.09%
Unable to Contact		80 8.27%	77 6.59%	80 5.79%	80 4.87%	88 4.72%	181 8.61%
<b>COMPLETED VISITS</b>							
<b>County of Residency</b>	<b>Goal</b>						
Cumberland	<b>56%</b>	83%	83%	84%	85%	86%	85%
Hoke	<b>28%</b>	12%	11%	11%	10%	9%	9%
Robeson	<b>16%</b>	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%	6%

## 2. DCDEE

- Child care programs continue to be impacted by the ability to hire staff in child care programs. While numbers of slots continue to be down, there has been some recovery. Continue to monitor.
  - Child care programs continue to follow the March 7, 2022 ChildCareStrongNC Public Health Toolkit. (<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/media/220/download>).
  - All licensing requirements are back to pre-pandemic standards and applicable during monitoring visits by the DCDEE Consultants. Facilities have begun going through modified ERS assessments. Under the state of emergency, education requirements had been modified and programs were under a hold harmless status. The State of Emergency is slated to be lifted July 15.
  - **NC Pre-K**
    - a. Precontracting documents have been submitted for FY 22-23. The DCDEE request for budgets and workbooks were received from DCDEE on May 31. The budgets were submitted June 21. Guidance included the additional Legislative Rate increase of an additional 2% for the new fiscal year on top of the 2% received in this fiscal year. This increase applies only to private sites, not Head Start or Cumberland County Schools. Site Selection has been completed. Recommendations approved by the NC Pre-K Planning Committee.
    - b. Teacher Assistants must now hold a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential or be working on at least an Associate's Degree in Birth-Kindergarten or related Early Childhood fields. (New Rule Change effective April 1, 2022)
    - c. Waiting for approval of plan and guidance from DCDEE on the \$20M for NC Pre-K start-up, quality and capital expenses.
  - **Approved Stabilization Grants (November 1, 2021):** Payments continue quarterly, Recertification was due in April. An additional 1% of programs have applied. Payments will run through April 2023.
  - Parent fees for subsidy will resume July 2022.
3. NC General Assembly – General Assembly released their budget this week.
  4. Federal Level
    - Moderna and Pfizer vaccines approved for children 6 months – 4 years. Vaccines are available through local health departments, a number of pediatrician's offices and may be available in pharmacies for children 3 years and older.

## B. Grant Opportunities/Updates/RFPs

1. Continue to research capital grant opportunities.
2. City of Fayetteville ARPA funding – continue to be in conversation with city staff and consultant on proposal to support the child care workforce.
3. The City of Fayetteville's CDBG proposal – Received notice of award approved by City Council June 7, 2022. Contract estimated to be awarded effective July 1, 2022.

## C. COVID-19 Updates

**PFC implemented its HR 110 Communicable Disease Policy on Monday, March 16, 2020. The building reopened to the public on January 3, 2022.** We continue to review PFC operations based on updated federal, state and local health and safety guidelines. Policies (HR Policy 110) have been reviewed and updated through our Board Committee process. Procedures are updated based on reviews of additional guidance from CDC, OSHA, EEOC, and DCDEE as well as local government mandates as we provide services to families and children through PFC and tenants. This has been and will continue to be an evolving process.

1. **Executive Orders:** The NC State of Emergency is slated to be lifted July 15.
2. **PFC Guidelines: Detailed updates on Building Operations Procedures were presented to Board in March.** As a reminder, masks are optional, though recommended and all meeting rooms are open with full capacity. Staff must follow the Vaccine Policy. Any staff with an exemption for COVID vaccines must continue to comply with their exemption requirements.

- a. Cape Fear Valley Hospital requires the first COVID vaccine Booster in addition to the initial vaccine series, to include contractors or vendors in the hospital. This applies to our Family Connects activity staff and our nurse contractor.

#### D. PFC Updates & Highlights

1. **Staff changes:** Congratulations are in order for these staff as they move into new positions at the Partnership. **Heather Gallagher** has been promoted to the Quality Assurance Specialist II position in the Planning & Evaluation Department. **Sheila Rowe** has been promoted to Program Manager in Provider Services for Region 5 Specialists. **Mary Welch** has been promoted to the Program Manager for Provider Services Coaches.
2. **Farewells: Anna Hall, Contracts Coordinator effective June 3.** We wish Anna well as she concentrates on her health. **Stephany Jackson, Program Manager for Family Services/ACE program June 14.** Stephany is moving on to a clinical position focused on early childhood mental health services.
3. We appreciate the Board's condolences in the **loss of Genelle Blue**, Quality Assurance Specialist II. Genelle lost her battle against cancer on June 6. A tribute to Genelle's life was held at the June All Staff meeting with Genelle's husband, Neil Blue present.
4. **Position openings posted: website link** (<https://www.indeed.com/cmp/Partnership-For-Children-of-Cumberland-County>). Please go to our website for new postings.
5. **Infrastructure Project:** We are moving forward with Phase II of the project. We have met with the contractor and are moving forward with the project, including an additional window as part of this phase.

#### E. Events/Community Outreach

1. **Board and Committee Meetings:** Meetings have been conducted virtually through the duration of the COVID emergency. Equipment to upgrade the Charles Morris Room for hybrid meetings has been installed. Beginning with Board and Committee meetings in April, hybrid meetings are being offered.
2. **All Staff Meetings:** We began offering hybrid meetings effective with our April meeting.
3. **Tenant Meetings:** Quarterly meetings have started with tenants. The schedule for the new fiscal year is being developed.
4. **NC Pre-K Recruitment continues:** There is a drop box outside the front door for families to drop off applications. The new multi-program application for the 22-23 school year is live. The marketing campaign, **Let's Get Enrolled**, has begun (the [letsgetenrolled.com](http://letsgetenrolled.com) URL is live). Please share with your networks. **1,543** applications had been received as of June 17 in the SchoolMint system. Those applications for first choice by families, 1,167 are for Cumberland County Schools (inclusive of Title 1 applications), 61 for Head Start, and 315 for private sites. Placements began April 8 and are on-going.
5. **Drive-Through Truckload of Hope Diaper Bank: July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12 and December 10** from 8:30-10:30 am. Volunteers needed. Contact Daniele Malvesti ([dmalvesti@ccpfc.org](mailto:dmalvesti@ccpfc.org)) if you can assist. We are working on a new check in system using Eventbrite. We are in conversations with the Diaper Bank of NC about additional options for the Diaper Bank in Cumberland County.
6. **Readers' Choice Finalist!** We are in the top three for The Fayetteville Observer's Readers' Choice again this year. The event is on August 18<sup>th</sup> (no time given yet.) Tickets are \$75 and are only available to the finalists. If you would like to attend to support PFC, please email Sharon at [smoyer@ccpfc.org](mailto:smoyer@ccpfc.org) by July 1<sup>st</sup> with the number of tickets you would like to purchase and your dinner selection (Meat or Vegetarian are the options.) Sandee Gronowski and Mary Sonnenberg will be attending. We will arrange payment once you place your order. Please note that you will need to pay for your ticket.
7. **Nonprofit Night at The Woodpeckers.** We are taking part in the Woodpecker's Nonprofit night on August 25<sup>th</sup>. With this commitment, we must sell a minimum of 15 tickets. We do not have the link for ticket sales yet, but we will be asking Board Members to purchase tickets. The tickets are \$14, with \$5 coming back to PFC. More to come!
8. **The Soiree is coming back and will be held at the Crown Arena on October 28. Please note the date change** Sharon Moyer ([smoyer@ccpfc.org](mailto:smoyer@ccpfc.org)) will have more information in upcoming meetings. The proposed theme is "The 70's". If you're interested in serving on the planning committee, contact Sharon Moyer or Daniele Malvesti.