

Executive Committee (Acting as Board) (Hybrid Meeting) Thursday, August 25, 2022 President's Report

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

1. NCPC

- **NCPC** – FY 23 contract has been executed. DSP subcontracts have been prepared and executed. Carry-forward funds are anticipated to go into a contract amendment late November/December.
- The mandatory DSP in-service for Smart Start activities was held on August 16.
- **Kerri Hurley**, one of our DSPs, provides **Kindermusik and Music Therapy** to classrooms in Cumberland County School preschool classroom. Kerri has recently been recognized as one of the 2022 highest performing studios (Snyder Music Academy) offering the Kindermusik curricula worldwide! She also was the **recipient of the 2022 Outreach Award!** Her innovative pivoting through the COVID pandemic challenges allowed her to continue meeting the needs of the children in our community.
- Fiscal Monitoring in process and will be completed by September 30.
- **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 proposal for Year 2 is being prepared.
- **PDG Grant for Regional Pilots for Family Connects** – PFC has interviewed for the new Program Support Specialist position. Recruitment continues on site at the hospital. Home visits are offered to all families, while telehealth visits continue to be an option for families. **Eligible births*** are those from Cumberland, Hoke and Robeson Counties. We are having preliminary discussions with additional hospitals as we look at scaling options. Conversations are focused on potential hospitals and counties in our region. Updated budgets were submitted for a potential Year 3 of funding and we are awaiting news of approval. We have 2 more years of Community Foundation funding for the Community Alignment Specialist position.

	10/4/2021	1/25/2022	2/15/2022	3/15/2022	4/15/2022	5/15/2022	6/15/2022	7/15/2022	8/15/2022
Total Births	0	1130	1367	1615	1913	2185	2465	2760	3139
Eligible*	0	967	1169	1381	1644	1864	2101	2354	2613
Not Eligible	0	163	198	234	269	321	364	406	450
Decline		138 14.27%	155 13.26%	180 13.03%	189 11.50%	202 10.84%	225 10.71%	419 17.80%	451 17.26%
Scheduled		377 38.99%	449 38.41%	539 39.03%	580 35.28%	647 34.71%	647 30.79%	174 7.39%	194 7.42%
Completed		270 27.92%	348 29.77%	445 32.22%	557 33.88%	667 35.78%	773 36.79%	833 35.39%	1005 38.46%
Pending		102 10.55%	140 11.98%	137 9.92%	238 14.48%	260 13.95%	275 13.09%	289 12.28%	317 12.13%
Unable to Contact		80 8.27%	77 6.59%	80 5.79%	80 4.87%	88 4.72%	181 8.61%	619 26.30%	751 28.74%
COMPLETED VISITS									
County of Residency	Goal								
Cumberland	56%	83%	83%	84%	85%	86%	639 85%	85%	86%
Hoke	28%	12%	11%	11%	10%	9%	71 9%	9%	9%
Robeson	16%	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%	42 6%	6%	5%

2. DCDEE

- Child care programs continue to be impacted by the ability to hire staff in child care programs. Statewide strategies include increasing access to Career and Technical education, working with Community College system to provide credit for prior learning, access to T.E.A.C.H. (scholarship program), fast-track programs for Early Childhood and Infant Toddler Certificates, and develop a resource for teacher/provider access to higher education. <https://ccpfc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Child-Care-Commission-First-Quarter-Meeting-August-2022-DCDEE-Presentation.pdf>
 - The State of Emergency was lifted August 15. Notices for licensing requirements have been sent to providers by DCDEE and state licensing consultants are working with providers as Star Ratings come up for renewal. Providers may request Technical Assistance from PFC coaching staff.
 - **NC Pre-K** – FY 23 contract has been executed. An advance for service dollars was requested.
 - a. Subcontracts with providers have been developed and are in process of being executed.
 - b. Any new funding for NC Pre-K that was granted in the short session will be put into a contract amendment once DCDEE does amendments with Contract Agency Administrators.
 - c. The Board of Directors is seeking nominations for the mandated positions of parents and child care providers for the NC Pre-K Planning Committee that functions as part of the Partnership Board of Directors. Nomination form: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4979833>
 - d. Waiting for guidance from DCDEE on the \$20M for NC Pre-K start-up, quality and capital expenses.
 - **Approved Stabilization Grants (November 1, 2021):** The last payments will occur January 2023 for January - April 2023.
 - Parent fees for subsidy resumed July 2022.
3. NC General Assembly – This year will be the long session for the next biennial budget.
 4. The NC Supreme Court will hear oral arguments beginning August 31st regarding the court order to fully fund the Leandro Plan.
 5. Federal Level – Passage of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. This act lowers prescription drug costs, health care costs, and energy costs. There were no early childhood initiatives in the bill. These may be addressed in the reauthorization of the CCDF grant.
 6. Local Level
 - The Cumberland County Health Department is conducting several vaccine clinics this month for required school vaccinations as well as COVID vaccines.

B. Grant Opportunities/Updates/RFPs

1. Continue to research capital grant opportunities. Had initial calls with the Cannon Foundation and will be submitting a request for the infrastructure project for Phase 2 in their September 23 funding cycle.
2. The City of Fayetteville's CDBG proposal – Received notice of award approved by City Council June 7, 2022. Next steps involve additional review processes along with specific RFP requirements. The timeline is such that this award will go toward Phase 3 of the project and most likely into the next fiscal year.
3. City of Fayetteville ARPA funding – the contract agreement, effective August 1, supports the child care workforce with signing and retention bonuses for teaching staff. Child care sites must be within Qualified Census Tract zip code areas in the City of Fayetteville. The first application cycle will open early September.

C. COVID-19 Updates

The NC State of Emergency was lifted August 15. The building is fully operational. We continue to provide enhanced cleaning, hand sanitizer stations and masks upon request. We monitor updates on COVID-19 in relationship to federal, state and local health and safety guidelines, key COVID metrics and impacts on staff and building operations.

D. PFC Updates & Highlights

1. **Position openings posted: website link** (<https://www.indeed.com/cmp/Partnership-For-Children-of-Cumberland-County>). Please go to our website for new postings and share opportunities. There are programmatic as well as fiscal postings.

2. **Infrastructure Project:** Phase 2 of the project is moving forward. The change order has been initiated adding the additional window. We are in the waiting phase for windows. Met with Fleming & Associates to begin planning for Phase 3 in conjunction with City of Fayetteville CDBG funding.

E. Events/Community Outreach

1. **Board and Committee Meetings:** Meetings are being offered in a hybrid format.
2. **All Staff Meetings:** Monthly meetings are offered in a hybrid format.
3. **Tenant Meetings:** Quarterly meetings started with tenants last fiscal year. The schedule for the new fiscal year has been set and the first meeting of the year was Tuesday, August 16th from 5:30-6:30 pm. The upcoming meetings will be November 15, February 21, and May 16.
4. **NC Pre-K Recruitment continues:** There is a drop box outside the front door for families to drop off applications. Please continue to share the letsgetenrolled.com URL with your networks for families to access the new multi-program application for the 22-23 school year. Placements will be on-going. We are processing new applications and doing placements on a daily basis. Programming for most sites begins August 29.
5. **CarMax** – Our local CarMax group continues to be strong supporters of the Partnership through their regular volunteer service at most of our events, including the Diaper Bank, Soiree, and Little Land. In addition, through recommendations from the local group, we have been the benefactor of ongoing financial grants from the CarMax Foundation. **The most recent grant was for \$2,000. THANK YOU!!**
6. **Drive-Through Truckload of Hope Diaper Bank: September 10, October 8, November 12 and December 10** from 8:30-10:30 am. Volunteers needed. Contact Daniele Malvesti (dmalvesti@ccpfc.org) if you can assist. We are in conversations with the Diaper Bank of NC about additional options for the Diaper Bank in Cumberland County.
7. **Readers' Choice Winner!** We won as The Best Nonprofit in The Fayetteville Observer's Readers' Choice. Sandee Gronowski and Mary Sonnenberg attended the event on August 18 at the Crown Expo Center and accepted the award – for the fifth year!
8. **Car seat Safety Event** – Collaborated with the City of Fayetteville Fire Department at BUY BUY BABY in providing a Car seat Safety Clinic on August 20 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Will continue to collaborate with the Safe Kids coalition on car seat safety.
9. **Nonprofit Night at The Woodpeckers.** We are taking part in the Woodpecker's Nonprofit night, August 25th. We have met the minimum of selling 15 tickets. We appreciate board members, staff and friends who have purchased tickets. The tickets are \$14, with \$5 coming back to PFC.
10. **The Soiree is coming back and will be held at the Crown Arena on October 28.** Sharon Moyer (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. Planning is moving forward. If you're interested in a sponsorship, contact Sharon. We have several returning restaurants for the Chef's Circle. Go to www.ccpfc.org/Soiree for more information.