

**Board of Directors Meeting
(Hybrid Meeting)
Thursday, September 29, 2022
President's Report**

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

1. NCPC

- Carry-forward funds are anticipated to go into a contract amendment late November/December.
- **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. Waiting on contract from NCPC.
- **Federal PDG Grant for Regional Pilots for Family Connects** – The state received approval for Year 3 of funding through a no-cost extension. Waiting for next steps for contracting. We have 2 more years of Community Foundation funding for the Community Alignment Specialist position. I am participating in a State-level stakeholders workgroup having discussions on sustainability beyond the PDG funding for Family Connects. Data summary attached.

2. DCDEE

- DHHS announced in mid-September they will continue another year of one component of the Stabilization grants for compensation supports which have helped to boost teacher pay and benefits. They will be utilizing about \$150M in discretionary ARPA funding for this purpose.
 - Quarterly reports and Recertification are due by programs by October 7. Final payments for existing Stabilization Grants will be paid in January 2023 for the January – April quarter.
 - Anticipate late fall for guidance with a first of the year application release from DCDEE on the \$20M for NC Pre-K start-up, quality and capital expenses.
 - **NC Pre-K** – Received our advance of service dollars. Programs that requested an advance received those funds with the September 15th check run. Regular payments for August processed in the September 29th check run.
 - a. Subcontracts with providers who started services in August have been 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.
3. **NC General Assembly** – This year will be the long session for the next biennial budget. The General Assembly is currently having discussions on Medicaid Expansion.
4. **The NC Supreme Court** heard oral arguments at the end of August regarding the court order to fully fund the Leandro Plan.
5. **Local Level** – Amy Cannon, a long-time Board Committee and former board member, is retiring from her position as County Manager of Cumberland County.
6. **Federal Level** – H.R. 8876 has been introduced and passed the House Ways & Means Committee to reauthorize Maternal and Child Home Visiting. The reauthorization bill provides increases for funding over 2022 state allocations for every state and territory. We have two original co-sponsors from NC – Congressman Richard Hudson and Congressman Greg Murphy.

B. Grant Opportunities/Updates/RFPs

1. Continue to research capital grant opportunities. Cannon Foundation grant submitted for the infrastructure project for Phase 2 on September 22.
2. The City of Fayetteville's CDBG proposal – Site visit for environmental scan occurred on September 26.

3. City of Fayetteville ARPA funding – Child care sites must be within Qualified Census Tract zip code areas in the City of Fayetteville. Application is open. Information Session held September 22. DCDEE’s continuation of Stabilization Grants for compensation will impact implementation of this proposal. Working with City for other potential options to assist the workforce.
- C. COVID-19 Updates – Sunset and modify policies based on federal, state, and local health and safety guidelines.** The building is fully operational. We continue to provide enhanced cleaning, hand sanitizer stations and masks upon request.
- 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. **Welcome – Camille Cano, Program Support Specialist; Karen Staab, Fiscal Monitor; Brittany Sidbury, Coach; Vivlica Rodgers, Coach; Fletcher King, IT Engineer**
 3. **Infrastructure Project: We are working with Fleming & Associates to determine status of Phase 2 of the project.** The change order was initiated adding the additional window.
- E. Events/Community Outreach**
1. **Board and Committee Meetings:** Meetings are being offered in a hybrid format at this point.
 2. **All Staff Meetings:** Monthly meetings are offered in a hybrid format with increased offerings of in-person meetings.
 3. **Staff will have Friday, September 30th off as a Mental Health Day.** To help staff feel safe to use sick leave for mental health without judgement, fear, or anxiety, all staff will take a mental health day together as a team.
 4. **Tenant Meetings:** The next quarterly meeting is November 15th from 5:30-6:30 pm and will be in person.
 5. **NC Pre-K Recruitment and placement continues. Most classrooms are full or close to full. On August 31st, DCDEE notified contract administrators that payment to providers would be by allocation through October.** 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.
 6. **CarMax –** Through recommendations from our local CarMax group, we have been the benefactor of ongoing financial grants from the CarMax Foundation. **We recently received another \$500 check. THANK YOU!!**
 7. **Drive-Through Truckload of Hope Diaper Bank: November 5 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.
 8. **Greater Fayetteville Chamber Annual Awards – Congratulations to Action Pathways (Lonnie Ballard, Board Member) for winning Business of the Year and Casey Ferris (committee member, Community Engagement & Development) for winning the Realtor’s Cup.**
 9. **Car seat Safety Event –** Collaborated with SafeKids providing a Car seat Safety Clinic on September 24 at Walmart on Ramsey Street.
 10. **United Way Campaign – Kick-off with staff held September 28. Contact Anthony, aramos@ccpfc.org, or Belinda, bgainey@ccpfc.org if you would like more details or to get involved with us.** We will be conducting our Annual Food Drive for Fayetteville Urban Ministry in conjunction with the United Way Campaign.
 11. **Government in Action State and Local Roundtable event, October 20-21 in Washington, DC –** five state teams from Washington, Wisconsin, Ohio, Texas and North Carolina of city, county and state governments will meet to focus on support of a prenatal through age three agenda for young children and their families. This is an invitation only opportunity and I will be joining representatives from Guilford, Durham and Transylvania Counties as part of the NC team.
 12. **The Soiree has been rescheduled. The new date is March 24, 2023. It has been moved to be more budget friendly and will be held at the Crown Expo Center. We need your help!** Contact Sharon Moyer (smoyer@ccpfc.org) for more information in upcoming meetings. The proposed theme is “The 70’s”.