

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Acting as Board)

### Charles Morris Room

Thursday, December 15, 2022

### President's Report

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

##### 1. NCPC

- Budget amendment for Carry-forward funds was executed and effective 12/15/2022. DSP amendments have been executed as well.
- MAC sites – the Albemarle MAC site has dissolved. NCPC is working with the remaining MAC sites to cover the partnerships that Albemarle provided services to. We are assessing our capacity to pick up one additional site.
- NCPC continues to research shared services options for the network. A key area of focus is health insurance.
- **State Expansion of Child Care Health Consultants** – The amendment on the Expansion grant for the No Cost extension through November 30, 2022 was executed. Adjustments continue to occur for no cost extensions. We anticipate funding through June 30, 2023 for the project.
- **Federal PDG Grant for Regional Pilots for Family Connects** – Waiting for next steps for contracting for the third year of funding. We continue to get requests on current expenditures and expected budget needs as NCPC works with DCDEE on the contracting for Year 3. We have 2 more years of Community Foundation funding for the Community Alignment Specialist position. State level meetings are occurring around sustainability beyond the PDG funding for the Family Connects Pilot sites. Data summary attached.

##### 2. DCDEE

- Guidance from DCDEE on the \$20M for NC Pre-K start-up, quality and capital expenses is still pending. We will share information as soon as it is available.
- DCDEE continues to look at staffing and training options for child care providers during the current crisis with recruitment and retention of qualified staff.
- Subsidy is being paid at the 2018 market rates with ARPA funds. This is a temporary increase. DCDEE is preparing the fiscal note for using the 2021 market rates in preparation for the General Assembly going into long session.
- **NC Pre-K**
  - a. Contract amendment guidance was received on **December 7, 2022**. Budget templates for the amendment are due to DCDEE January 4, 2023. This amendment will be for an additional 5% rate increase for private sites, CCS and Head Start as well as additional funds for administration of the program. The projected date for executed amendments is the end of January. We will then execute subcontract amendments with the providers. The amendment is effective July 1, 2022 and payments to the providers will be retroactive to the beginning of the school year.
  - b. State required **LETRs training** on literacy has started. Cumberland County is in Cohort 3 for this training. The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is the lead for this training. There will be funding for stipends or substitutes for teachers in private sites and Head Start. The funding for these stipends is still pending transfer from DPI to DCDEE.

- c. Utilizing monthly NC Pre-K Directors meetings for work on NC Pre-K processes for school year 23-24.

### 3. Local Level

- **Child Care Stakeholder Community Meeting** with local and state lawmakers, child care providers and other leaders and stakeholders: The second meeting was held December 7 at FTCC. An evening meeting is being planned for January 31 at FTCC to engage families and teachers in the group. More information to come.
  - Workplace absences for child-care reasons continue to be at an all-time high due RSV, COVID, Flu and the common cold are colliding with staffing shortages at schools and child cares.
4. **State Level** – The State Supreme Court ruled on Leandro. Still awaiting information from the trial court to the General Assembly for amounts of funding for Year 2 & 3.
  5. **Federal Level** – The federal government is operating under a continuing resolution for operation until December 16. It is anticipated there will be another CR till December 23 while they finalize the budget.

### B. Grant Opportunities/Updates/RFPs

1. City of Fayetteville ARPA funding – Submitted Scope and timeline modifications to city staff. Anticipate being able to launch application cycle in January.
2. Cumberland County Nonprofit Fiscal Recovery Assistance Program – assessing eligibility to apply for the Occupancy category for utilities.

### C. PFC Updates & Highlights

1. **Happy 29<sup>th</sup> Birthday Partnership for Children of Cumberland County!!** PFC was one of the twelve pilot counties when Smart Start was started in 1993. Keep your eyes out for how we'll celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2023.
2. **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 postings.
3. **Welcome** – Steven Gipson, Quality Assurance Specialist 1 with Planning & Evaluation. Steven started December 5<sup>th</sup>.
4. We continue to monitor federal, state and local health and safety guidelines for any recommendations and compliance guidelines related to COVID-19. Enhanced cleaning and hand sanitizer stations continue to be available as are masks upon request.
5. **Infrastructure Project:** We are meeting with Pinam Construction (the contractor) and with Fleming & Associates on December 19 to set the state date and Notice to Proceed for Phase 2 of the project. The extension of interest only payments and draws for the construction loan for twelve months has been signed with First Bank.

### D. Events/Community Outreach

1. **Board and Committee Meetings:** Full Board and Executive Committee meetings have moved to in person meetings. Other committee meetings may be offered in a hybrid format and in-person. Please refer to your meeting invites for the format of the particular meeting.
2. **All Staff Meetings:** Monthly meetings are offered in a hybrid format with increased offerings of in-person meetings. We celebrated together before the holidays with a luncheon held at Highland Presbyterian Church. We had surprise entertainment by the children in the church's child care program. Oh, what fun was had!
3. **Tenant Meetings:** An in-person tenant meeting will be held February 21 at 5:30 pm in the Charles Morris Room.
4. **Drive-Through Truckload of Hope Diaper Bank: January 21, February 11, March 11** from 8:30-10:30 am. Volunteers needed. Contact Daniele Malvesti ([dmalvesti@ccpfc.org](mailto:dmalvesti@ccpfc.org)) if you can assist. We continue to be in conversations with the Diaper Bank of NC about additional options for the Diaper Bank in Cumberland County since transportation is a challenge for some families rather than a once a month distribution.
5. **The Soiree – March 24, 2023 at the Crown Expo Center.** A Soiree Planning Meeting is being held by ZOOM December 16, 9:00 – 10:00 am. We will be discussing decision points for planning.