

President's Report
Executive Committee (Acting on Behalf of Board)
Charles Morris Room/Hybrid
Thursday, November 16, 2023

A. NCPC/DCDEE Updates / Legislative Updates

1. NCPC

- NCPC has their amendment from DCDEE for Carry-forward funds. Funds will be available for Local Partnership contracting shortly.

2. DCDEE

- Due to a change in the State Controller's payment system, payments to state contracts were delayed for October. NC Pre-K and NCPC funds were received last week.
- We are still waiting for **Region 5** funds. While contracts are in place, no funding has been received from Southwestern Child Development Center. Two of our contracts were just executed so we have submitted multiple FSRs (Financial Status Reports) for reimbursement.

3. State Level

- **Medicaid Expansion – beginning December 1, 2023.** NC DHHS has launched a new website to help with community outreach. The website includes basic information on eligibility for Medicaid coverage, details of costs and coverage, and free materials to help nonprofits provide clear and accurate information about Medicaid and Medicaid expansion.

4. Federal Level

- FY 24 Appropriations Process –The federal shutdown at the end of September was averted by a Continuing Resolution until November 17, 2023. Representative Mike Johnson from Louisiana was elected House Speaker on Wednesday, October 25th. The House passed Speaker Johnson's plan to avert a shutdown in a bipartisan vote this week. The Senate is expected to pass the legislation and send it to President Biden's desk within days. The legislation would fund federal agencies at current spending level with two different expiration dates: January 19 for one set of government programs and February 2 for another set. The timing would allow lawmakers more time to try to finish off the individual annual spending bills. This breaks the practice of one large omnibus spending bill to fund the government. The bill did not include any military funding to Israel and Ukraine.

5. Local Level

- **Congratulations to Dr. Marvin Connelly, Jr. for being named the 2024 A. Craig Phillips North Carolina Superintendent of the Year.** Dr. Connelly represented the Sandhills Region and was selected from a group of eight regional nominees. Dr. Connelly serves on the Partnership Board of Directors, as Co-Chair of the NC Pre-K Planning Committee and on the Finance Committee for the Board.
- Ongoing meetings with the City of Fayetteville Police Department are happening strategizing child care resources and options that may meet this on-going need of people with variable schedules and shifts.

B. Grant Opportunities/Updates/RFPs

- **City of Fayetteville ARPA grant** – We are continuing to get all needed documentation to execute MOUs with providers. Our contract is being amended to \$600,000.

- **Cumberland County Revised Nonprofit Fiscal Recovery Assistance Program** – Funds were directed to support the Family Connects program. We have received our Executed contract. These funds will go towards the nursing partner services for Family Connects as PDG Pilot funding ends.
- **First Citizens grant** – submitted for operations funding for the Family Resource Center due to increased operating costs.

C. Staff updates

- **Farewell – Camille Cano, Program Support Specialist for Family Connects.** Camille’s last day with the Partnership is November 17. We wish her well in her new endeavor and move as she continues to grow professionally.
- **Congratulations – Julanda Jett on becoming the new VP of Programs.** Julanda has been with the Partnership for 16 years and has progressed in her leadership within the Programs Department over the last several years. The effective date in her new position will be November 27 after we return from our Thanksgiving Break. Please join me in congratulating Julanda in her new role.
- We have several positions posted and are in the process of interviewing and filling these positions. Please visit our career page to learn about open positions.

D. Events/Community Outreach

- **PFC United Way Campaign/Food Drive** – Our campaign ended November 15. We are proud supporters of United Way.
 - a. **The Staff Pledge Drive raised \$5,711.**
 - b. Second Harvest Food Bank, Southeast North Carolina – **1132 pounds of food** donated, equating to **985 meals** for the food insecure in their service area. Delivered food to Second Harvest Food Bank on Monday, November 13.
 - c. Volunteerism – Two groups of staff joined with Habitat for Humanity and armed services personnel to make repairs to home of two veterans on November 7 and 8. This was a great opportunity for staff to work together as a team, donate their time and labor to support United Way’s mission, and give back to the community.
- **Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Fort Liberty Chapter** for bringing coats to the Partnership to distribute to those in need in the community. This is a group of 72 members, retired and active duty. Marie Lilly and Daniele Malvesti Petti met with the group on November 3 to provide them information about the Partnership and receive the coats. The Programs Department is assisting with distribution. They are interested in being more involved with the Partnership.
- **Barnes and Noble Book Drive – runs until December 8th.** Over 600 books have been collected thus far on our behalf. Please support the Book Drive. This is one way we have books to give out to children during Outreach Events.
- **Staff Luncheon – December 7th** at Highland Presbyterian Church. Following lunch and fellowship, staff will have the remainder of the afternoon off.
- **HELP NEEDED: 30th Anniversary for Partnership for Children of Cumberland County** – December 2023. The celebration will occur on Thursday, December 14 from 1:00-7:00 pm at the Partnership. The planning group has met several times. **Daniele Malvesti Petti will be sending out sign-up sheets to Board Members and Staff for assistance in the day’s activities. It will be a very interactive day and we need all of you to assist in sharing our mission with the community in celebration of 30 years of service.** Please reach out to Daniele (dmalvesti@ccpfc.org) with any questions.
- **Little Land Saturday, February 10, 2024 – Save the Date.** More information will be coming but we will need volunteers, providers and community agencies to participate. Contact Daniele Malvesti Petti (dmalvesti@ccpfc.org) if you already have ideas or activities for Little Land.