

President's Report Updates  
Friday, July 28, 2023

A. NCPC/DCDEE Updates / Legislative Updates

1. NCPC

• **NCPC Contract Executed.**

1. **Subcontracts for Direct Service Providers (DSP) in process.**
2. **Mandatory DSP meeting August 14**
3. All year-end programmatic and fiscal reporting has been submitted to NCPC.
4. Allocation RFP cycle for FY25-27: **Mandatory Bidders Meeting September 20.** Two information sessions were held in July.

2. DCDEE

- **Region 5** – Precontracting and budgets for our CORE contract have been submitted. BTQI (Infant Toddler services) contract information for Year 2 received. Region contracts are two-year contracts. Still waiting on information for HSB (Healthy Social Behavior) contracting. We have received information on a new contract for Family Child Care Homes under the Region. Personnel and budget information will go through committees and board in August.
- **The replacement Summer Learning Reversion check that was issued has been cashed by DCDEE and has cleared our bank account.**
- **NC Pre-K Contract executed.**
  - a. **Subcontracts for service providers in process.**
  - b. **School year 23-24 Placement:** As of today, 1,071 children placed, 362 on waitlist. Continue to contact families and place children.

3. State Level

- The state budget has not passed. Legislative leaders have indicated that they don't expect to have a final budget ready for votes until at least two weeks from now. While the Medicaid Expansion bill is tied to the passage of the state budget, the NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) announced its plans to begin the process to begin Medicaid expansion in North Carolina on October 1, as long as it has authority to do so by the end of next month. If the state budget is not in place by September 1, implementation could be delayed until at least December 1 or in to the new year.
- Senator Rachel Hunt from Mecklenburg County, District 42 met with PFC Staff, Board members and child care providers to discuss the state of child care and early childhood issues in Cumberland County on July 27. The discussion was robust and informative. Senator Hunt is the daughter of Governor Jim Hunt. Smart Start started during the Hunt administration 30 years ago.

4. Federal Level

- **FY 24 Appropriations Process – Short timeline, different goals. If all appropriation bills are not finished by October 1, across the board cut of 1 percent.**

- a. House of Representative – Revert to FY 22 levels, CCDCG held harmless, Head Start cut by \$750M, Cuts in Title I and teacher prep, eliminates PDG (Preschool Development Grants), CCAMPIS, Eliminates Women’s Bureau
- b. Senate – bipartisan support to move all appropriations bills, hold most programs harmless to meet debt ceiling agreements, push for increased spending on social programs, border security
- c. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is proposing improvements to child care provider payment rates and practices to increase parental choice for child care arrangements and help stabilize operations for participating providers. Under proposed rules published this month, payments for child care by certain low-income families would be capped at no more than 7% of family income under the Child Care & Development Block Grant (CCDBG) program. Public comment runs through August 28.

#### **B. Grant Opportunities/Updates/RFPs**

1. City of Fayetteville ARPA grant – MOUs with providers are in development.
2. Cumberland County Revised Nonprofit Fiscal Recovery Assistance Program – Funds were directed to support the Family Connects program and modified scope of work has been submitted. Waiting on contract.

**C. Special Gift** – We were the recipient of a grant from **The Jerry D. and Helen H. Leggett Charitable Endowment of Cumberland Community Foundation, Inc.** Mrs. Helen Leggett set up an Endowment to benefit our organization. The first dispersal was \$1,600+. These funds are unrestricted. Mrs. Leggett was referred to us from her financial advisor. If you know Mrs. Leggett, please express your gratitude.

#### **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.
2. **Farewell** to Josh Morris as he focuses on his graduate school work and providing care for his children as his wife begins her new position as a second-grade teacher.
3. **Farewell to Georgene Fayssoux, Board-Certified Music Therapist.** Georgene has provided music therapy in Cumberland County Schools for nine years through Kerri Hurley’s Smart Start funded Kindermusik activity. Her unwavering commitment and exceptional musical abilities positively impacted nearly 2,000 children, families, and educators in Cumberland County.
4. **Welcome** to Nikita Grayson as a Coach with Provider Services. She will start on August 28.
5. **Congratulations** to Julanda Jett in her new role as Division Administrator in the Programs Department.
6. **Infrastructure Project:** Ordering of glass was delayed and has a 4-6-week window for delivery. It is anticipated that the project will be delayed past the August 12 date for completion on the Notice to Proceed. Their fourth pay application was submitted for payment and is being processed.

#### **E. Events/Community Outreach**

1. **Community Choice Awards** – we are in the top three and will be at the awards event on August 17. Wish us luck! Brian Jones and Mary Sonnenberg will be in attendance.
2. **Little Land Down on the Farm** – September 1-10 at the County Fair. Contact Sharon Moyer ([smoyer@ccpfc.org](mailto:smoyer@ccpfc.org)) for additional information.
3. **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Partnership for Children of Cumberland County** – December 2023. The celebration will occur on Thursday, December 14, at the Partnership. More details to come. Contact Sharon Moyer ([smoyer@ccpfc.org](mailto:smoyer@ccpfc.org)) if you want to be on the planning committee.
4. **Little Land Saturday, February 10, 2024 – Save the Date.**