

**President's Report**  
**NC Pre-Directors Meeting**  
**Virtual**  
Thursday, February 15, 2024

**A. NCPC/DCDEE Updates / Legislative Updates**

**1. NCPC**

- The Partnership is in the Allocation cycle for local funds for the next three years (FY 25, 26, & 27). Presentations were done for the Allocation Committees on February 12. The committees will meet again March 12 to review the presentations and make recommendations to take to the Board of Directors at the April Board meeting.
- **Carryforward caps** are being implemented on Smart Start funding. Caps range from 3-6% depending on the size of the local partnership budget. **The Partnership's cap is 4%, which means that PFC should not revert more than \$307,816 of our total Smart Start available funds for FY23-24. This amount includes DSS and WAGES\$.**
- **Smart Start Reversions/Reallocations:** There will be two reversion/reallocation opportunities in the coming weeks.
  1. The first is a TANF/CCDF Subsidy Reversion/Reallocation. We are currently meeting our subsidy requirements and will not be making a reversion or requesting additional funds.
  2. The second is a General Smart Start Funds Reversion/Reallocation. We do not anticipate doing a reversion at this point in the year.

**2. DCDEE**

- **Region 5** reimbursements are still in arrears. Payments have been coming in batches. We continue to be in touch with Southwestern Child Development Commission and DCDEE regarding delays in payment. This is the second consecutive year that payments have been significantly in arrears from Southwestern Child Development Commission for the Region 5 grants.
- **NC Pre-K Increased Ratios – we received guidance in late December from DCDEE that the NC Pre-K Planning Committee cannot limit classroom size or ratios. The NC Pre-K Planning Committee can determine the number of NC Pre-K slots that are allocated to programs.**

**3. State Level**

- Reimbursements from state contracts have been delayed due to changes in the State Controllers software platform since December. This impacted **all** of our reimbursements from state contracts. The primary impact of such delays is for the NC Pre-K reimbursements to the Partnership which results in payment delays to the NC Pre-K providers. As of this week, reimbursements from NCPC and NC Pre-K are up to date.
- Short Session of the General Assembly begins Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**4. Federal Level**

- The House, Senate and President approved continuing resolutions through March 1 and 8, 2024 to avoid a federal shutdown.

**5. Local Level**

- **Murchison Choice Neighborhood Plan:** The letter of support was submitted by the January 12, 2024 deadline. City staff will be at the February Board meeting to provide additional information to answer

questions about the parameters and guidelines of the project. The Partnership is a key collaborator in bringing early childhood support to the plan should it get funded.

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

- **City of Fayetteville ARPA grant** – Reimbursement information has gone out to those programs that are eligible for these funds. A revised budget was submitted for the contract amendment to decrease the allocation from \$1,000,000 to **\$600,000** and the amendment has been signed by the Partnership.
- **First Citizens grant** – Received an award of **\$10,000** for general operating expenditures.
- **Cumberland Community Foundation Giving Tuesday campaign** – The campaign was a huge success, with a 33% increase in donors. We received **\$9,640.00** in donations and **\$3,080.27** from the match for a total of **\$12,720.27**. We are grateful to the Cumberland Community Foundation for taking on this endeavor for the nonprofits in our community.
- **Kohl's National Giveback Initiative** – The Partnership was the recipient of a **\$25,000** award. We were among 4 recipients in North Carolina. We have a long history of collaboration and volunteerism with our local Kohl's store.
- **County of Cumberland – Nonprofit Fiscal Recovery Assistance Grant** – Carolina Collaborative Community Care (4C) fulfilled the \$50,000 grant deliverables in January 2024 and was reimbursed accordingly. The Partnership submitted the payment request to the County and reimbursement has been approved and received.

#### **C. Events/Community Outreach**

- **NC Pre-K Let's Get Enrolled** launched January 17, 2024 for applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Please share the URL: [ccpfc.org/letsgetenrolled](https://ccpfc.org/letsgetenrolled)
- **Little Land Saturday, February 10, 2024, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm was a huge success! Over 1,500 children and families attended the event. Thanks to those who volunteered at the event.**
- **SAVE THE DATE for Little Land, Saturday, February 15, 2025.**