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OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY

President's Report Executive Committee (on Behalf of Board) Charles Morris Room/ Hybrid

Thursday, September 26, 2024

A. NCPC/DCDEE Updates / Legislative Updates

1. NCPC

- Stories submitted to NCPC per request. Sample story attached.
- Annual NCPC Survey sent to Executive Directors, due to NCPC October 18. Pamela Federline, VP Planning & Evaluation will be lead in gathering input from staff to be ready for submission.

2. DCDEE

- Southwestern Child Development Commission (SWCDC) reimbursements are flowing more quickly. We are in contract for all four areas (CORE, HSB, B3QI and FCC). Budget revision requests and Amendments are in process for reversion redistribution funds for these contracts.
- NC Pre-K: Contract for FY25 executed. All Sub-contracts for providers executed. Directors had their first quarterly meeting on September 19. Funds were recently received for the requested advance and for the July and August FSRs. Providers are in the process of requesting their advances, as applicable.

3. State Level

• Governor Cooper vetoed H.B. 10 on July 20 which made several adjustments to the state budget for FY2024-25 which began July 1. Legislators could vote to override Governor Cooper's veto during their next (one-day) session on October 9.

4. Federal Level

- U.S. House rejected proposal to prevent Federal Government Shutdown on October 1.
- Generally, funding legislation initiates in the U.S. House and then moves to the Senate. However, leaders in the U.S. Senate began the process last week of preparing their own continuing resolution to fund the federal government into December. The stopgap spending bill, also known as a continuing resolution, has the broad bipartisan support it needs to move through House and Senate votes this week, though senators will need to reach an agreement to vote on the legislation before the Oct. 1 deadline when federal spending runs out.
- If Congress doesn't approve a funding plan by then, parts of the federal government would shut down on October 1.

B. Grant Opportunities/Updates/RFPs

• Met with the City of Fayetteville in July to discuss the status of the grants we have with them. New scope and budget have been submitted for the ARPA grant. Contracting for new scope and budget is with the City for their processes.

C. Staff Updates

- Welcome to Makalia Stewart, Region 5 Caseworker, who started with PFC on September 4. Whittney Krisch, Family Child Care Consultant, will start on October 1.
- Open positions are on the PFC website with a link to Indeed. If you have any questions, please contact Anthony Ramos (aramos@ccpfc.org).
- Lunch Plate Sale Fundraiser September 26 from 11 am − 2 pm. Lunch options will include hot dogs or vegetarian chili bowl with choice of sides including baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad or chips. Proceeds from the sale will benefit staff team development opportunities. This fundraiser follows the Board's Executive Committee meeting.









• Flu Shot Clinic – September 26 from 11 am – 1 pm. The clinic includes Board members & tenants.

D. Events

- NC Pre-K Let's Get Enrolled launched January 17, 2024, for 2024-2025 school year applications. Please share the URL: LetsGetEnrolled.com. We are still taking applications for the new school year. While many of our sites are full, some programs still have openings. Please continue to get the word out
- <u>Kindness Awards</u> event will be held **on November 14** at 6:30 pm. Nominations are closed for Kindness Awards.
- <u>Little Land: Down on the Farm</u> made a return. It was a great event and wonderful outreach to the community at the County Fair. We look forward to next year.
- <u>Smart Start Month</u>: Governor Cooper proclaimed September as Smart Start Month. NCPC held a special event on September 9 where Governor Cooper was in attendance. Members of the Early Childhood Caucus in the General Assembly were recognized for their work in support of our youngest children and families. We have been promoting through social media posts. Please make sure you follow us on Facebook and share our posts.
- <u>Little Land: Big Play for Families</u> February 15, 2025. Thank you again to Haja for being our first sponsor and sponsoring Sensory Land. We need your help in soliciting vendors and sponsors. You can find all the information online at ccpfc.org/vendor, ccpfc.org/sponsor, and downloadable flyers, posters, etc. are at ccpfc.org/lldownloads.