**Robeson County Partnership for Children, Inc. (RCPC)**



**Robeson County NC Pre-K Committee Meeting**

**February 9, 2021**

**Immediately following the RCPC Board of Directors Meeting that begins at 12:00 PM**

**Via Zoom**

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**Meeting ID: 949 3263 9365**

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**\*Space will be available whereby members of the public may listen to the meeting at:**

**Robeson County Partnership for Children, Inc. Board Room**

**210 E. Second Street**

**Lumberton, NC 28358**

**Call to Order**

**Public Comment**

**Approval of Minutes**

Review minutes from the December 8, 2020 committee meeting.

**Action Items**

1. **NCPK Transportation Support**

**Background:** The NC Pre-K Committee must approve the use of NC Pre-K Admin funds to support transportation of children.

**Issue:** Due to extremely low participation with the Smart Start funded, NC Pre-K Transportation activity, the Subsidy dollars supporting the activity were reverted to Robeson County DSS to pay for services. According to the NC Pre-K Fiscal and Contract Manual, “A contractor, with the approval from their committee, may use a portion or all the administrative funds for direct services to serve more children in Pre-K classrooms. They may also use administrative funds for contracted services such as transportation for children.”

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Committee consider approving the use of Admin funds to cover the remaining transportation costs for the 20-21 school year.

1. **Annual Program Planning**

**Background**: The NC Pre-K Committee must conduct annual planning for NC Pre-K and approve an implementation plan.

**Issue**: The NC Pre-K Committee approved a slot & rate plan for the 2020-2022 school years.

**Recommendation**: It is recommended that the Committee review and consider approving the second year of implementation of the 2020-2022 NC Pre-K Plan.

1. **Reallocating Remaining 2020-2021 Funds**

**Background:** Funds allocated in the 2020-2021 plan have not been spent due to teacher reimbursement rates. The NC Pre-K Committee must approve a proposal for unspent direct service funds as allowed by DCDEE.

**Issue:** Even though sites are being paid for all allocated slots, approximately $24,820 will remain unspent in the NC Pre-K direct service budget due to teachers not being reimbursed at maximum rates (long term sub and unlicensed). DCDEE is allowing a reallocation of up to 2% of these direct service dollars for the following allowable expenses:

* Cleaning supplies to meet health/safety guidelines
* Personal protective equipment for staff (e.g., cloth face coverings)
* Technology for staff and families to engage in remote learning activities (e.g., tablets)
* Toy/book lending libraries for circulation to children's homes
* Supplies to support remote learning (e.g., manipulatives, child-sized scissors, writing and drawing supplies)
* Travel for home visits
* Professional development (technology, appropriate practice, etc.)

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the committee consider approving the proposal to use the unspent dollars as allowed by DCDEE.

**Non-Action Items**

1. Community & Recruitment Update – Rhiannon Chavis-Wanson
2. ECERS Update – Rhiannon Chavis-Wanson
3. Placement Update – Rhiannon Chavis-Wanson
4. Site Updates – Rhiannon Chavis-Wanson
5. Updates from DCDEE – Rhiannon Chavis-Wanson
6. Year to Date Financial Report – Lindsay Mejia

**Next Meeting Date:** The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2021 upon the adjournment of the Smart Start Board of Directors Meeting.

**Adjournment**