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



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

**August 10, 2021**

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

**Via Zoom**

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**Call to Order**

**Public Comment**

**Approval of Minutes**

Review minutes from the June 8, 2021 committee meeting.

**Action Items**

1. **NC Pre-K Funding Cycle – Three Year Funding Term**

**Background:** Per the NC Pre-K Program Requirements and Guidance, “The local NC Pre-K Committee determines a multi-year funding cycle and oversees the process to ensure the Site Selection Sub-Committee follows the standardized site selection process.”

**Issue:** RCPC currently has a three-year funding term for Smart Start programs. Changing the NC Pre-K funding cycle to match Smart Start will ensure that both RFP processes will not occur on the same year and allow for a year off between cycles. RCPC is requesting to increase the current two-year term to a three-year funding cycle.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the committee review and consider changing the NC Pre-K funding cycle to a three-year term.

1. **Site Selection Sub-Committee Appointment**

**Background**: The NC Pre-K Committee is responsible for appointing a Site Selection Sub-Committee consisting of 3 or more non-conflicted members.

**Issue**: Site Selection will be re-opened for the next funding cycle. A Site Selection Sub-Committee is necessary to complete the process.

**Recommendation**: It is recommended that the Committee appoint a Site Selection Sub-Committee of no less than 3 non-conflicted members.

1. **Site Selection Application Requirements**

**Background**: Per the NC Pre-K Program Requirements and Guidance, “The local NC Pre-K Committee is responsible for determining if existing NC Pre-K sites must re-apply during the site selection process. The Committee may decide that existing NC Pre-K sites that are maintaining all NC Pre-K standards do not have to reapply.”

**Issue**: Site Selection will be re-opened for the next funding cycle. Guidance is necessary for the Contract Administrator to facilitate the process and for the Site Selection Sub-Committee to complete it.

**Recommendation**: It is recommended that the Committee consider excluding existing sites with no monitoring issues for the current contracted term from the application process.

1. **Additional Locally Determined Indicators – Site Selection Application**

**Background**: The Site-Selection Sub-Committee has the opportunity to assign up to 8 additional points to the scoring Rubric during the Site Selection Process. These must be approved and used consistently across all applications.

**Issue**: In the last Site Selection Process, the additional 8 points were utilized in the following way: Materials Available (2 points), Cleanliness (2 points), Staff Interaction (2 points) and Playground (2 points).

**Recommendation**: It is recommended that the Committee discuss and consider approving options for the additional points.

**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 October 12, 2021 upon the adjournment of the Smart Start Board of Directors Meeting.

**Adjournment**