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



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

**February 8, 2022**

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

**Via Zoom**

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**Meeting ID: 970 1398 8935**

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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 14, 2021 committee meeting.

**Action Items**

1. **NCPK Admin Support for Direct Services**

**Background:** The NC Pre-K Committee must approve the use of NC Pre-K Admin funds to support provision of direct services.

**Issue:** 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.”

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Committee consider approving the use of Admin funds to cover any increase in direct service costs for the remainder of the 21-22 school year.

1. **Annual Planning – NC Pre-K County/Regional Plan**

**Background:** As Contract Administrator for NC Pre-K, RCPC receives an annual budget to provide services and support administrative expenditures.

**Issue:** The Title I reimbursement rate is currently $387 per slot. The maximum allowed reimbursement rate is $473 per slot.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the committee review and consider approving a one-time rate adjustment for Title I sites (increase from $387 to $473) for April-June of the 2021-2022 school year as admin funds allow.

1. **Site Selection Subcommittee Recommendations**

**Background:**  Robeson County NC Pre-K Committee reopened site selection for 2022-2025 school years. RCPC advertised the NC Pre-K Requests for Proposals (RFP). A bidder’s conference was held and a standardized site selection process was conducted by the Site Selection Subcommittee.

**Issue:** According to the NC Pre-K Site Selection Roles and Responsibilities NC Pre-K Site Selection Subcommittee members must review, and score proposals. Final recommendations, rationale and rankings must be in writing and presented to the local NC Pre-K Committee. Additional factors to assist in determining recommendations may include site visits to verify classroom, additional reports from staff about monitoring findings, DCDEE visit summaries, teacher education/licensure process, geographic need, other contract/fiscal compliance findings.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Robeson County NC Pre-K Committee review and consider accepting the recommendations of the Site Selection Subcommittee.

1. **FY 2022-2025 NC Pre-K Plan**

**Background**: The NC Pre-K Committee must conduct annual planning for NC Pre-K and approve an implementation plan. Per a Committee decision from August 10, 2021, 14 current sites were exempt from reapplying during this RFP cycle.

**Issue**: To begin recruiting for the 2022-2023 school year, new sites must be finalized.

**Recommendation**: It is recommended that the committee consider, discuss and approve a plan for 2022-2025 program years.

**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 12, 2022 upon the adjournment of the Smart Start Board of Directors Meeting.

**Adjournment**