

New Orleans Early Education Network (NOEEN) Steering Committee
8300 Earhart Blvd. New Orleans, LA 70118
Meeting Minutes for January 29th, 2020

Committee Members in Attendance: Keith Liederman, Thomas Lambert, Kate Mehok, Joyce Ridgeway, Maria Blanco, Joy Mitchell, Rhonda Taylor, Jen Roberts, Emily Wolff, Carole Elliot

Committee Members Absent: Kristi Givens, Thelma French

Community Members in Attendance: Kenneth Francis, Emily Madeira, Lindsay Weixler, Aimee Grainer, Anna Williamson, Melanie Richardson, Rochelle Wilcox (proxy, Ms. Givens), Jonika Julien (proxy, Ms. French)

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. At 11:35 am, Keith Liederman called the meeting to order.

II. COORDINATED FUNDING REQUEST & ENROLLMENT

- a. Aimee Grainer provided an overview of the Coordinated Funding Request (CFR).

i. LA4

1. Current LA4 providers were recommended to keep seats. Recommendations lead to a decrease of -62 seats. The Committee moved to adopt the LA4 recommendations.

ii. NSECD

1. Current NSECD providers were recommended to keep seats. Requests for new operators were denied excepting former PEG providers. One provider decided to discontinue NSECD. The Committee moved to adopt the NSECD recommendations.

iii. Late Recommendations

1. Committee moved to approve recommendation 2.A.: Craig's original request for LA4, to be confirmed with Plessy.
2. Committee moved to approve recommendation 2.B: Singleton's request for LA4 seats, in consideration of extension of charter.

- iv. Committee discussed need for consensus on decision-making when assigning seats to failing schools, to make more strategic decisions when awarding seats to schools whose K-12 programming is below standard.

- v. **Enrollment** - Thomas Lambert gave an overview on the status of enrollment. Applications are on-par, verifications lower than years prior.

III. SUPER APP

- a. Committee approved strategic network responses for the Super App.
b. NOEEN will communicate provider concerns regarding Super App to LDE.

IV. PDG B-3 GRANT

- a. Aimee Grainer gave an overview of the status of the PDG grant.

- b. NOEEN working w/LDE to remove an additional proof of work requirement.
- c. NOEEN estimates capacity for at least 150 B-3 seats at Proficient or above sites.
- d. Several potential ideas to utilize the PDG seats were presented.

V. RS Network Update

- a. Aimee Grainer provided general NOEEN updates.
 - i. NOEEN is on par with past years' reliability.
 - ii. Members cast their ballots for Vice Chair. Chair TBA in future meeting.
 - iii. CCAP Pilot, w/percentage eligibility determinations managed locally.
 - iv. LDE performed two site visits in January.
 - v. The Spring Quarterly Convening will be March 17th, 9 AM, Location TBD.
 - vi. Advocacy, funding & Initiatives updates.

VI. Other Announcements

- a. Kenny Francis from Agenda for Children announced that the City Planning Commission will review zoning ordinances regarding Early Child Care Centers.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm.

Action Items

- **Action Item No. 1:** On the motion of Ridgeway, seconded by Julian (proxy), the Committee adopted the agenda for the meeting.
- **Action Item No. 2:** On the motion of Roberts, seconded by Wolff, the Committee accepted the November 19 minutes.
- **Action Item No. 3:** On the motion of Ridgeway, seconded by Wilcox (proxy), the Committee moved to approve the LA4 recommendations. Mehok abstained.
- **Action Item No. 4:** On the motion of Roberts, seconded by Ridgeway, the Committee moved to approve the NSECD recommendations. Mitchell abstained.
- **Action Item No. 5:** On the motion of Mitchell, seconded by Wilcox (proxy), the Committee moved to approve tuition recommendations. Mehok abstained.
- **Action Item No. 6:** On the motion of Mehok, seconded by Ridgeway, the Committee moved to approve Joseph A Craig's request for LA4, to be confirmed with Plessy.
- **Action Item No. 7:** On the motion of Ridgeway, seconded by Wilcox (proxy), the Committee moved to approve Singleton's request for LA4.
- **Action Item No. 8:** On the motion of Mehok, seconded by Taylor, the Committee moved to adopt Super App 'Strategies to Increase Access, B-3'.
- **Action Item No. 9:** On the motion of Mehok, seconded by Wilcox (proxy), the Committee moved to adopt Super App 'Strategies to Increase Access, 4'.
- **Action Item No. 10:** On the motion of Mehok, seconded by Wilcox (proxy), the Committee moved to adopt Super App 'Strategies to Increase Quality, B-5'.
- **Action Item No. 11:** On the motion of Taylor, seconded by Mitchell, the Committee moved to allow LA4 programs to submit their own curriculum data for Super App.