NOEEN Steering Committee Meeting
May 19, 2021
Meeting Agenda
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General Assembly - Dr. Liederman
Call to Order & Roll Call
Action: Adoption of the Agenda
Action: Adoption of March Minutes

Ready Start Network Update – J. Roberts
Info: NOEEN Staff Updates
Info: Strategic Initiatives
- Funding, Sector Investment & Recovery
- Advocacy, Legislative, & Stimulus Updates
- Working Group Updates
- Parent Engagement & Representation

Coordinated Funding – A. Grainer, Dr. T
Action: 2021-2022 B-3 Seat Allocations
Info: 2021-2022 LA4 & NSECD Allocations
Info: 2021-2022 Public Funding Overview

Coordinated Enrollment – T. Lambert, Dr. T
Info: Coordinated Enrollment & Campaign

Coordinated Observations – A. Grainer
Info: 2020-2021 CLASS Closeout
Info: Accountability Approach

Housekeeping & Next Steps – A. Grainer
Info: Session Wrap-Up
Info: Upcoming Working Groups
Action: 2021-2022 Recess & Calendar
General Assembly

- Call to Order & Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of March Minutes
Updates from Jen Roberts, President of Agenda for Children, and others.

- NOEEN Staff Updates
- Strategic Initiatives, pt. I
  - Advocacy, Legislative, & Stimulus Updates – from Kenny Francis
Strategic Initiatives, pt. II

Funding, Sector Investment & Recovery

NOEEN, NOLAPS, & Agenda are managing a number of grants to aid sector recovery:

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<th>Funding</th>
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<th>Funder</th>
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<td>Community Recovery Grant</td>
<td>Broadly defined. Proposal: invest in improving enrollment, verification, and access.</td>
<td>LDOE</td>
<td>1 YR: 2021-2022</td>
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<td>Supply Building &amp; Capacity Grant</td>
<td>Invest in building long-term supply and capacity; community needs assessments.</td>
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<td>CLSD Quality &amp; Literacy Supports</td>
<td>B-PK4 PD, coaching, curriculum investment, and other quality and literacy supports.</td>
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<td>Systems-level Family Engagement</td>
<td>Focus groups, facilitated conversations to determine how to capture caregiver voice</td>
<td>Pritzker</td>
<td>6 Mos.: May – Dec 2021</td>
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NOEEN will continue to deliver on ECHO Fund micro-grants and other direct investments.

NOEEN will think creatively on use of increased B-3 investment to support recovery.
Ready Start Network
Working Groups & Parent Engagement

- Strategic Initiatives, pt. III
  - Working Group Updates

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<td>Advocacy Working Group</td>
<td>Top priorities raised: Making the most of ARPA funding / Capacity &amp; quality expansion / Workforce pipeline &amp; support</td>
<td>TBA</td>
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<td>Enrollment Sub-Committee</td>
<td>Second meeting postponed / Will review “problem set” &amp; family experience at upcoming meeting</td>
<td>Jun 23</td>
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<td>Safe, Secure, Loved Pilot</td>
<td>Materials have been distributed! / “Community Leaders” being trained Apr-Jun / NOEEN will check-in throughout pilot</td>
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- Parent Engagement & Representation
  - Facilitated focus groups coming to NOEEN Steering Committee later this year!
  - Goal: determine the best way to ensure parent voice is reflected in EC decision-making and strategy.
Coordinated Funding

- 2021-2022 B-3 Seat Allocations
- 2021-2022 LA4 & NSECD Allocations
- 2021-2022 Public Funding Overview
Coordinated Funding
2021-2022 B-3 Allocations

- NOEEN has received funding to offer roughly 773 publicly-funded birth-to-three seats in 21-22.
- Families Served
  - 373 PDG Seats for working families at or below 200% of the FPL.
  - 400 City Seats for families at or below 200% of the FPL.
  - Needier families will be prioritized.

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<td><strong>773</strong></td>
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<td><strong>City, State, &amp; Private</strong></td>
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- Centers Served:
  - Must be demonstrably high-performing, high-demand
  - Must have sufficient administrative and physical capacity.
  - Current City Seats providers will be prioritized for City funding.
This is a skeleton of the public rubric NOEEN is using to evaluate applicants for B-3 funding:

Other eligibility factors:
- Must have capacity for requested seats.
- Must be a Type III child care center located in Orleans Parish.
- All other eligibility factors as determined and defined by funders.

Proposed allocation protocol:
- Vote on protocol used to distribute seats, not individual seats.
- Allocate to highest-scoring eligible applicants. Detailed on subsequent slide.
- Allocation recommendations, per final protocol, will be publicly posted.
- Final allocations will roll out in two waves, anticipated June and July.

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Coordinated Funding
2021-2022 B-3 Allocations
Coordinated Funding
2021-2022 B-3 Allocations

- **Proposed 2021-2022 B-3 allocation protocol:** allocate to highest-scoring eligible applicants, prioritizing the following factors:
  - Prioritize covering current seats (rising children).
  - Prioritize current City Seats providers for City-funded seats.
  - Prioritize centers with demonstrated demand (w/active waitlists).
  - Prioritize equity and stability across existing and new applicants.
- Final allocations will roll out in two waves, anticipated June and July.

**VOTE**

We need a motion to approve the proposed approach to allocating B-3 funding to eligible applicants, as explicated herein.
Coordinated Funding
2021-2022 LA4/NSECD Allocations

- NOEEN has received funding to offer roughly 1,882 publicly-funded Pre-K 4 seats in 21-22.

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- Allocation health:
  - To date our allocations are enough to cover citywide family demand.
  - We received 92% of our requested LA4 seats and 85% of our requested NSECD seats.
  - Roughly 20% of applicants did not receive their full request amount.
  - Seat change requests will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis excepting:
    - New applicants / beyond the scope of the originally approved allocation.
    - Zero-sum competition for available seats.
    - These examples will come to committee.
Coordinated Funding
2021-2022 Public Funding Overview

In the 2021-2022 school year, NOEEN & NOLAPS will:

▪ Administer or support administration of ~$17.6 million in publicly-funded early learning;
▪ Serve over 2,600 economically disadvantaged New Orleans families;
▪ Support seat and programmatic funding at over 70 child care sites and schools.

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Thank you for helping us be good stewards of these public dollars and the children they serve!
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EVERY CHILD. EVERY SCHOOL. EVERY DAY.
Coordinated Enrollment
Year in Review

Online Document Verifications since May 2020: ~5,000 document submissions

New placements this year: 1,543
EC applicants matched via Direct Certification: 989

Main Round
• Seeking New Placements: 1,696
• Received a placement: 76.3%
• Received a top 3 choice: 70.2%
• Defaulted to previous school: 6.5%
• Unassigned: 17.2%
Coordinated Observations

- 2020-2021 CLASS Closeout
- Accountability Approach
CLASS has concluded for the 2020-2021 year. Here’s an overview of observations this past year:

- **Fall 2020**
  - 427 early childhood classrooms were observed, roughly 60% of Fall 2019 classrooms.
  - 65 waivers granted, for reasons from COVID-19 to high turnover and low enrollment.
  - Successfully transitioned between hybrid and entirely virtual observation model.

- **Spring 2021**
  - 185 early childhood classrooms observed.
  - 386 (76%) were eligible to waive Spring obs. due to their 4.50+ Fall score.
  - 347 (90%) of eligible classrooms decided to waive Spring 2021 CLASS observations.
  - 62 mock observations will be completed.

2021-2022 observation approach remains to be seen, but NOEEN is well-positioned to support a return to in-person, or a continuation of hybrid services. CLASS accountability will take into consideration the nature of this remarkable year (next slide).
LDOE has recommended extended emergency revisions to Bulletin 140 in order to respond to the ways in which COVID-19 has impacted CLASS observations and quality generally.

These include the following revisions to **how performance is calculated for the 2021-2022 year:**

1. Extend 19-20 Performance Scores for sites where this score is higher than 20-21.

2. Mandate SIP participation for sites that score below 3.75 in 2020-2021.

3. Weight classrooms equally; uniquely consider classrooms without Spring observations.

4. Do not publish Community Network Performance Scores or honor rolls.

*We will know more about CLASS in 2021-2022 in the coming months.*
This concludes our 2020-2021 Steering Committee Season! We will recess June-August 2021, and reconvene in September. Note: some working groups may continue to convene in the summer.

The proposed schedule for 2021-2022 follows:

**Proposed Meeting Schedule**
1. September 8, 2021
2. October 13, 2021
3. November 10, 2021
4. January 12, 2022
5. March 9, 2022
6. May 11, 2022

**21-22 Bye-Months:**
- December
- February
- April

**21-22 Recess:**
- June
- July
- August

**21-22 Holidays:**
- Thanksgiving: 11/25
- Christmas: 12/25
- New Year’s: 1/1
- Mardi Gras: 3/1
- Easter: 4/17

**VOTE**
We need a motion to approve the proposed 2021-2022 meeting schedule.
Thank You!