NEW ORLEANS EARLY EDUCATION NETWORK (NOEEN) COORDINATED ENROLLMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

June 22, 2023

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

AGENDA

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II. Roll Call
III. Seat Allocations & Priorities
    - **Vote**: Allocation Priorities
IV. Coordinated Funding Request (CFR) Updates
V. Adjournment

III. SEAT ALLOCATIONS & PRIORITIES

TODAY'S OBJECTIVES

The Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee will:

- Determine allocation priorities to apply to the remaining B-3 Bridge Funding and City Seats seats
- Provide input on priorities and strategies related to ECEF (state match) seats

Allocation priorities will be executed by Agenda for Children and NOLA-PS to efficiently and effectively manage publicly seats to meet the needs of students and families in real time.

CURRENT NUMBER OF UNALLOCATED SEATS

- City Seats = **22**
- B-3 Bridge Funding = **6**
- Early Childhood Education Fund = **TBD**

POTENTIAL PRIORITY CONSIDERATIONS FOR ALLOCATING REMAINING SEATS

1. Underserved Geographies (same zip codes used in last CFR?)
2. Meet full request (of existing programs, new to CS and unlicensed sites allocated seats)
    a. Total Requests = 1338 + 170 + 108 = 1616
    b. Total Allocations = 912 + 40 + 27 = 979
    c. Requests - Allocations = Unmet requests 426 + 130 + 81 =
        i. **637 seats needed to meet full request of all sites allocated CS seats as part of the CFR process.**
3. Continuity of care for rising 3 year olds (in EHS and did not get HS or other funding source seat, if eligible)
4. Increase seats for 3 year olds
5. Meet the unmet NSECD recommendations for sites with three year olds
    a. Four (4) sites asked for NSECD seats and BESE did not approve seats for these sites (total of 53 seats)
    b. State only gave new NSECD seats to sites rated high proficient in CLASS
6. Seats for children of early childhood teachers

- Are these the right priorities? Is anything missing?
- Do we want to combine any priorities (ex: meet full request for any site in underserved geographic area)?
- In what order do we want to apply these priorities until we run out of seats?

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Points to consider when allocating remaining seats and applying priorities:

- Priorities will apply until the seats run out. What happens if everyone that fits the priority can't get seats as we get down to the last few seats to allocate?
  - Example: waitlist data can be used to break a "tie"?
- Do current sites have capacity to receive more seats (beyond initial requests made during last CFR process)?
  - Does a new CFR need to happen? To attract new sites?

VOTE ON SEAT ALLOCATION PRIORITIES

- Motion is to approve the recommended priorities to be applied to the remaining B-3 Bridge Funding and City Seats seats and to be considered for ECEF seats.
  - Discussion
  - Public Comment
  - Vote

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUND (STATE MATCH) ALLOCATION

- On June 13, BESE approved a $21.4M allocation from the Early Childhood Education Fund to Orleans Parish for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. This constitutes a full dollar-for-dollar match.
- 70% of ECEF dollars must be spent on seats.
- On June 21, NOLA-PS provided Agenda for Children with enrollment data in order to produce seat allocation and cost models.
- Agenda for Children currently working through funding scenarios.
- As we speak, LDOE is hosting an ECE Fund Eligibility and Fiscal Management Webinar.

ECEF ALLOCATION PRIORITY 1: SEATS FOR CHILDREN OF EARLY EDUCATORS

Create a teacher "CCAP" program.

- **Pros**
  - This would be a great benefit for teachers and could help stabilize the workforce.
  - At least some seats would not be "new," reducing the strain on the system's capacity.
  - This would increase buy-in for state matching program should it be reduced/eliminated in future years.
  - It's a moral imperative that teachers and other staff, who spend their days caring for children, should also have safe, quality care for their own children.
- **Cons**
  - No current data.
  - This would require a new program model, especially if children could be placed in non-City Seats centers, necessitating a significant onboarding process for new programs to ensure accountability.
  - We'd need new staff to get information from teachers and families and to run this program quickly.
- **Questions**
  - Who qualifies as an ECE teacher?
  - How many teachers and children would be eligible?
  - Of eligible children, how many are already in care and how many would be newly in care?
  - How many at current sites getting CS? What about children at sites that do not participate in CS program?
  - Is there a world in which we could subcontract with LDOE to handle CCAP verification and/or attendance?
  - What does participation in coordinated enrollment look like? Is this required (CCAP seats are not in system now)?

ECEF ALLOCATION PRIORITY 2: INCREASE SEATS FOR 0-3 YEAR OLDS

Increase the number of 0-3 seats in the system, with a priority for three year olds (3 by 9/30/23).

- **Pros**
  - This would fill gap in current funding sources and allow for better continuity of care in the event that the ECEF allocation next year is significantly smaller.
  - This could increase capacity for infants and toddlers as well. If funded at a higher rate, would effectively raise the per child rate when paired with City Seats funding.
- **Cons**
  - We'd need to recertify all participating children, and there would likely be some who would not qualify.
- **Questions**
  - What is the amount of funding for each seat?
  - How many total seats are being added to the system?
  - How many three year old seats are we expected to have?
  - Of those, how many would be eligible for ECEF seats?

IV. COORDINATED FUNDING REQUEST (CFR) UPDATES

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Based on feedback received from EC program partners on last year's CFR process, we have vetted multiple RFP software companies, and the selection has been narrowed down to two potential vendors: Submittable and Foundant.

Process improvements that will be addressed in the new system:

- Individual user accounts
- Real-time tech support
- Includes "auto save" function for application
- Ability to save information over time (will create a program/center profile)
- Increased transparency of the application and evaluation process
- Easy data tracking
- Cost-effective one-stop-shop program that will house application, evaluation and scoring (for CFR and future grant proposals)
- Conditional logic/formatting that will enable users to only see/complete questions that correlate to funding type applicant is interested in

The vendor selection and software purchase is expected to be complete by mid-July.

NEXT SUBCOMMITEE MEETING

- July 19 from 9-10 a.m. at NOLA-PS

V. ADJOURNMENT