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

July 19, 2023

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

AGENDA

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II. Roll Call
III. Coordinated Funding Request (CFR)
IV. Coordinated Enrollment Timeline and Framework
V. Early Childhood Education Fund (State Match)
VI. Adjournment

III. COORDINATED FUNDING REQUEST (CFR)

COORDINATED FUNDING REQUEST (CFR) UPDATES

Based on feedback received from early childhood program partners on last year's CFR process, we have vetted multiple RFP software companies and have selected 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

CFR PROPOSED TIMELINE

Date	Activity
July	Purchase new Foundant RFP software
August	Enrollment POC office hours to provide CFR process and content feedback; Foundant information transfer from current application system (~5 weeks)
August 14	Draft of application and rubric content emailed to Enrollment Subcommittee (feedback due before meeting on 8/21)
August 21	Subcommittee meeting (present final draft of CFR application and rubric content incorporating committee members feedback)
August 23	Steering Committee reviews CFR process/content from Enrollment Subcommittee
September 7-14	Load final CFR content to Foundant and Test application
September 18-21	Centers/School Users and Evaluation Team trained on new software
October 5	Launch application
October 9 - November 15	Application review and scoring; conduct site visits (new sites only)
October 11	CFR Office Hours
November 6	Close application
November 7-30	Evaluation team provide allocation recommendations for Enrollment Subcommittee review and finalization before Steering Committee vote
December 6	Final recommendations due to Steering Committee

COORDINATED FUNDING REQUEST (CFR) UPDATES

- Need to determine funding eligibility timeline and parameters for sites in process of applying for a license.

IV. COORDINATED ENROLLMENT TIMELINE & FRAMEWORK

EARLY CHILDHOOD ENROLLMENT DRAFT TIMELINE

January 2024	February 2024	March 2024	April 2024
• Early Childhood Main Round Application Opens (0-4 Years) • Family Application Support Sessions • EC Eligibility Verification	• Family Application Support Sessions • EC Eligibility Verification	• Early Childhood Main Round Application Closes (0-4 Years) • Documents reviewed and verified, if possible, for all main round application • Match Data Preparations Begin • Application remains open for Open Enrollment	• BESE Seat Allocations finalized • Preliminary Rosters Shared • Main Round Placement Results Released & Initial WL are generated • All applicants verified post main round added to WL • WL offers begin

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NOEEN COORDINATED ENROLLMENT FRAMEWORK

Bulletin 140 mandates that Community Network Lead Agencies develop and implement a coordinated enrollment process for the community network that includes the following:

- Coordinated Information Campaign
  - Inform families about the availability of publicly-funded programs
- Coordinated Eligibility Determination
  - Coordinated enrollment, eligibility criteria, and waitlists
- Coordinated Application Process
  - Families apply and indicate enrollment choices through a unified application process
- Matching Based on Family Preference
  - Network enrolls children based upon stated family preferences

NOEEN COORDINATED ENROLLMENT FRAMEWORK

NOEEN is committed to ensuring all families have fair, transparent, and efficient access to all available publicly-funded early childhood seats in Orleans Parish. To facilitate the process of updating the policies and procedures of the current version (2018) of the Coordinated Enrollment Framework which complies with Act 717, we are seeking stakeholder input as we update the framework. We've identified the following groups as stakeholders. Who else should we include?

Collaborative for Early Childhood Research (CECR)	Early Childhood Type III Center Directors
School Based PK4 Leaders (all funding sources)	Families (Family Engagement Subcommittee and family members)
Early Childhood Points of Contact (POCs)	

V. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUND (STATE MATCH)

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUND 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.
- At least 70% of ECEF dollars must be spent on seats which have more stringent eligibility requirements than City Seats. Agenda for Children and NOLA PS working together to enhance verification infrastructure.
  - **Planned Seat Budget** = $17,033,890 (79%)
    - **400** = Augmentation of Current City Seats Children
    - **710** = New Children Served
    - **1,764** = Total Children Served (City Seats + State Match + B-3 Bridge)
  - **Planned Quality Budget** = $4,416,029 (21%)
- Planning document due to LDOE Friday, July 21.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUND – SEATS BUDGET DRAFT

Line Item	# of Children	Rate	Total	Notes
Augment City Seats Rates for 3 Year Olds	156	$3,000	$468,000	Augment rate for up to 156 existing, eligible three year olds in up to 42 City Seats sites by $3,000, effectively increasing the total rate to $15,000, to be paid from August 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. We project roughly 40% of the 1,000 children currently enrolled in City Seats will meet state match eligibility.
Augment City Seats Rates for Infants, One Year Olds, and Two Year Olds	244	$13,000	$3,172,000	Augment rate for up to 244 existing, eligible infants, one year olds, and two year olds in up to 42 City Seats sites by $13,000, effectively increasing the total rate to $25,000, to be paid from August 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. We project roughly 40% of the 1,000 children currently enrolled in City Seats will meet state match eligibility.
New Seats for Children of Early Childhood Educators	60	-	$643,890	Fund up to 60 seats for the children of eligible Orleans Parish early childhood educators to match CCAP rates ($17,680 for infants, $10,920 for 1s and 2s, and $8,190 for 3s), to be paid from August 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
New Seats for New Three Year Olds	350	$15,000	$5,250,000	Fund up to 350 new seats for eligible three year olds at a rate of $15,000 at up to 42 City Seats sites to be paid from August 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
New Seats for New Infants, One Year Olds, and Two Year Olds	300	$25,000	$7,500,000	Fund up to 300 new seats for eligible infants, one year olds, and two year olds at a rate of $25,000 at up to 42 City Seats sites to be paid from August 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUND – QUALITY BUDGET DRAFT

Line Item	Total	Notes
Admin Cost	$ 407,029.00	Agenda for Children administrative fee (9% of quality budget) to cover salary, fringe, and benefits for associated program staff working on quality and enhancement initiatives.
Coaching PD	$ 28,000.00	Cost to support 14 Agenda for Children early care and education specialists (coaches) to attend either the annual NAEYC or Frog Street conference at $2,000 per conference per person, to include conference registration, travel, lodging, and per diem.
Coaching to Improve Quality	$ 550,000.00	Salary, fringe, and benefits for Agenda for Children early care and education specialists (coaches) working with 42 City Seats program partners.
Conference Attendance - Enrollment Support	$ 16,000.00	Cost to support 8 Agenda for Children program staff to attend the National Head Start Conference, ChildPlus Scrambler, and ChildPlus Software Conference at $2,000 per conference per person, to include conference registration, travel, lodging, and per diem.
Conference Attendance - Program Partners	$ 100,000.00	Scholarships of $1,000 for up to 100 early childhood teachers to attend NAEYC or other national early childhood conference, to include conference registration and per diem.
Data Contract - Tulane University	$ 60,000.00	Contract with Tulane University to support the collection, analysis, and distribution of data related to tracking program quality.
Developmental Screenings and Wraparound Service Reserve	$ 200,000.00	Professional development and direct support in administering developmental screenings (ASQ:SE-2 and ASQ-3) for parents and early learning providers. Wraparound support service reserve to support emergent screenings and needs of children enrolled in ECEF seats.
ECHO Fund - Early Childhood Administrators	$ 210,000.00	ECHO Fund grants of $5,000 each for up to 42 City Seats program partners to support program administrators and instructional support staff.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUND – QUALITY BUDGET DRAFT

Line Item	Total	Notes
ECHO Fund - Program Quality	$ 500,000.00	ECHO Fund grants for Orleans Parish programs to support increasing site-specific program quality initiatives.
ECHO Fund Staff	$ 105,000.00	Salary, fringe, and benefits for Manager, Early Childhood Funding Opportunities and associated staff to manage ECHO Fund activities and opportunities that increase program quality.
ECHO Fund Software	$ 25,000.00	Start-up and annual license payment for software to manage Early Childhood Opportunity Fund grant applications.
Enhancement Grants for City Seats Program Partners	$ 850,000.00	Spring grants of roughly $20,000 to each of 42 City Seats program partners. Final amounts will vary based on the number of classrooms and children served by each program.
Enrollment Verification Support	$ 200,000.00	Salary, fringe, and benefits for staff to manage enrollment verification for state match seats.
Indoor Learning Environment Enhancement Opportunity (ILEEO) - Program Staff	$ 215,000.00	Salary, fringe, and benefits for program staff for project management for implementation of ILEEO program.
Indoor Learning Environment Enhancement Opportunity (ILEEO) - Direct Payments	$ 600,000.00	Program costs associated with providing professional development on curriculum, physical environment, and learning materials as well as technical assistance on ordering materials at $2,000 per classroom for roughly 300 classrooms.
Model Classroom and Professional Development Space	$ 250,000.00	Costs associated with furnishing and creating a model classroom and professional development space to increase access to high-quality observations and professional development for Orleans Parish early educators, in conjunction with ILEEO program.
Program Leader Financial Professional Development	$ 100,000.00	Contract for technical assistance to provide financial sustainability training for child care providers in conjunction with increased seat rates.

NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

- Monday, August 21 from 9-10 a.m. at Agenda

VI. ADJOURNMENT