Meeting Agenda

May 2020 Steering Committee

1. General Assembly
2. Coordinated Funding & Enrollment
3. Coordinated Observations & Support
4. Ready Start Network Update
5. Conclusion
General Assembly

- Roll Call
- Adoption of Minutes
- Adoption of Agenda
- Committee Leadership
Coordinated Funding & Enrollment

- **Coordinated Funding**
  - City Seats Program Outlook
  - Preschool Development Grant (PDG) Allocations & Actions
  - LA4 & NSECD Allocations & Actions

- **Coordinated Enrollment**
  - OneApp Update
City Seats
Program Outlook

• **Funding Outlook:**
  • City Seats may receive up to $3 mil. for 20-21, but the outlook is uncertain.
    • Office of Youth & Families is advocating for continued funding (1.5/3 mil).
    • City Council has not yet provided an update (1.5/3 mil).
  • There are 68 continuing students, whose seats are in jeopardy.

• **We should balance protecting rising students and providers,** while being conservative about the uncertainty of program.

• Even if we secure funding for the coming year, **we are likely to see a continued uncertain future for City Seats.** We should plan accordingly.

• **PDG funding may represent a path** forward to protecting rising students’ enrollment.
PDG Seats Allocation

• PDG Allocation Details
  • NOEEN was awarded $854,205 in PDG funding.
  • This amounts to 74-80 seats for children B-3 YR.
  • Funding varies by age group:

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<th>INFANT</th>
<th>1-2 YR</th>
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• Eligibility
  • Children between 6 weeks and 3 years, as of September 30, 2020.
  • Children currently in City Seats eligible for funding source, pending confirmation of an original “work requirement.”
The original intent for our PDG request was to create **continuity of care for rising 3’s** “graduating” from the City Seats Program (44 students).

Given the uncertainty of City Seats funding, and possible differences in eligibility, the ultimate **utilization of PDG funding is now up for debate**.
Let's review some possible proposals for how we could distribute PDG funds:

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<td>OneApp</td>
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<td>#2* Distribute seats to existing providers to protect rising students</td>
<td>OneApp</td>
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<td>#3 Distribute all seats as a new program type, w/new CFR</td>
<td>Open Enrollment</td>
<td>Builds new program type</td>
<td>Doesn’t protect existing students/providers; requires new CFR, enrolls out of lottery</td>
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Proposal #2 is the recommended approach and has been approved by City Seats providers.
Looking more closely at Proposal #2: Reserve seats for continuing students.

- There are 68 students who are not “graduating” from the program.
- Reserving seats for these students would use about 90% of funds.
  - Remaining funds could be used to... **1) Create limited new Infant seats.***
  - **2) Create limited additional 1 YR – 3 YR seats**

*Between 8 and 9 seats.*
• **What happens if City funds come through?**
  • Assigning students or awarding seats on the basis of uncertain funds would disadvantage families and providers.
  • The timeline of funds will also dictate the way in which open seats are enrolled.
  • Our recommendation is to cross that bridge when we come to it.
PDG Seats
Discussion & Adoption

• Discussion

• Adoption of Motion:
  1. Motion to adopt recommended use of PDG funds to preserve enrollment for current students.

• Vote
LA4 & NSECD Allocation

• LA4 Allocation Details
  • NOEEN was awarded 1,607 of 1,771 requested LA4 seats.
  • Seats serve eligible pre-k 4 students in public elementary schools.
  • Seats are spread across 38 campuses across Orleans Parish.

• NSECD Allocation Details
  • NOEEN was awarded 387 of 482 requested NSECD seats.
  • Seats serve eligible pre-k 4 students in non-public or parochial schools.
  • Seats are spread across 14 campuses across Orleans Parish.
### LA4 & NSECD Allocation

- LA4 schools allocated fewer seats than requested & recommended.

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<td>Dr. Martin Luther King Charter School for Sci Tech</td>
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<td>NOLA Public Schools</td>
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<td>Paul Habans at Clara's Little Lambs (Federal City)</td>
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<td>Phillis Wheatley Community School</td>
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<td>Pierre A. Capdau Charter School at Avery Alexander</td>
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<td>ReNEW Schaumburg Elementary</td>
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<td>ReNEW SciTech Academy at Laurel</td>
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<td>Success Preparatory Academy</td>
<td>19</td>
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- LDOE awarded seats based on successful enrollment of seats in years past.
- CMOs awarded partial sections will be given the opportunity to move allocated seats across campuses, to make their sections “whole.”
**LA4 & NSECD Allocation**

- **NSECD schools allocated fewer seats than requested & recommended.**

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<td>Resurrection of Our Lord School</td>
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<td>St. Alphonsus School</td>
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<td>St. Stephen School</td>
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Coordinated Enrollment

• NOLA-PS & providers face ongoing **uncertainty regarding when we will enter Phase 2** (full capacity). We are projected to enter this Phase by mid-July.
  • Louisiana’s progress in meeting public health metrics through the remainder of May & early June will give us much more certainty.

• **Online verification tool will be up and running next week**
  • We expect between 100 and 200 families to use the service.
  • We’ll give families the week and weekend to submit information.

• Once live, we’ll **distribute applicant lists to Head Start providers** so they can schedule and conduct interviews during that time.
  • We’ll give an additional week to complete verification/interviews.
Coordinated Observations

• The Department has **suspended all CLASS® observations for the spring semester.** The approach to the fall semester is still to be determined.

  • Sites may opt into receiving a 2019-2020 Performance Rating, in order to be eligible for CCAP Bonus and School Readiness Tax Credits in 2021.

  • The LDOE will compare each site's 2019-2020 anticipated Performance Score with the 2018-2019 Performance Score, and will use the higher of the two.
Ready Start Network Update

- State of the Sector
- Strong Start 2020
- Lead Agency Request for Application
- Respite Child Care During COVID-19
- Pritzker Application
- Upcoming News & Next Steps
State of the Sector

• **Impact of COVID**
  • The majority of centers of all types closed during the crisis.
  • Most centers lack the financial stability to survive extended closure.
  • Altered capacity and/or schedules may mean disruptions to care persist.

• **Barriers to Resuming Services**
  • Demand may be lower because fewer people will be in need of formal care.
  • Supply may be lower for a period because of group size restrictions.
  • Centers lack workforce incentives & basic health/safety supplies.

• **What Now?**
  • Our team is advocating for 1) LDOE to provide safety supplies,
  • 2) Increased grant funding to support workforce & facility costs,
  • 3) Increased testing for child care families and providers
• This week, the **LDOE will release its “Strong Start 2020 planning guide,”** with priorities and guidelines for safely reopening the sector and the city.

• Guidelines follow **official public health guidance,** including the ability to meet essential public health metrics such as hospital capacity, and reported cases.

• Louisiana is currently **projected to be in “Phase I” through May.** Should we stay on track, it is likely to reach “Phase II,” pre-COVID group restrictions, by July.

• **Lead Agencies will be asked to develop a community crisis response plan.**
  • Lead agencies will be invited to apply for community-level grants.
  • Grants are designed to support activities in the community plan, which will directly or indirectly support child care.
What is an Request For Application (RFA)?

- An RFA is a public process by which eligible organizations may apply for a government contract, in this case a contract to serve as Lead Agency.
- State agencies, public school systems, non/for profit organizations with an educational mission, public postsecondary institutions, or nonprofits established by parish government are all eligible to apply.

**IMPORTANT RFA DATES**

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<td><strong>May 15, 2020</strong></td>
<td>Intent to apply due to the Department of Education (LDOE)</td>
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<td><strong>May 22, 2020</strong></td>
<td>Application due to LDOE</td>
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<td><strong>June 2020</strong></td>
<td>Eligible applications submitted to BESE for approval</td>
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<td><strong>Summer 2020</strong></td>
<td>Lead Agency formally named by BESE</td>
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Lead Agency Request for Application

• **What is the Lead Agency?**
  - To implement Act 3, the law unifying early childhood education in Louisiana, the Department of Education established local early childhood networks.
  - The Department manages this system by designating a “lead agency” for each community network.

• **The Lead Agency must:**
  - Coordinate:
    - CLASS® observations per BESE Bulletin 140;
    - Child Count and early childhood enrollment;
    - Distribution of public funds, including the Super App
    - Conduct administrative functions, including serving as fiscal agent.
Lead Agency
Request for Application

Who is Applying to be Lead Agency?

- Agenda for Children & NOLA Public Schools will apply together, formally establishing the continuation of our ongoing partnership.
  - 2019-2020 Division of Functions:

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<td>Agenda for Children</td>
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<td>Coordinate early childhood enrollment.</td>
<td>NOLA Public Schools</td>
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<td>Coordinate distribution of public funds; Super App.</td>
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- Agenda for Children is the current contract administrator and fiscal agent.
- We are working together to determine appropriate future task divisions.
- Please note that other eligible organizations may apply at their discretion.
Lead Agency

Request for Application

• What Happens Next?
  • LDOE will determine the best applicant to fulfill responsibilities.
  • NOEEN and NOLA-PS will continue to engage with the Steering Committee regarding the state of our work for the present and future.
  • Lead Agency assignments are expected in June 2020.

• What is NOEEN and the Steering Committee's Role?
  • NOEEN will support LDOE's selection of the appropriate party to serve.
  • The Steering Committee does not vote upon or dictate the Lead Agency.
  • It is of particular importance that our committee value leadership, vision, and partnership during this time of crisis.
Respite Child Care During COVID-19

• As you may be aware, Agenda for Children was called upon by the Governor and LDOE to provide Respite Child Care services during the COVID-19 crisis.

• Respite Child Care in this context is the facilitation of child care for essential personnel called upon to serve during the COVID-19 quarantine.

• Our organization has been hard at work connecting personnel with care, establishing short-term LDOE contracts, and supporting Emergency CCAP.

• Should Louisiana fall into crisis again, Agenda for Children may be asked to step up to serve our healthcare and other essential workers through this crisis.
• NOEEN is in the **final stages of consideration for a prestigious Pritzker Foundation grant.**

• NOEEN hosted a **virtual site visit for Pritzker representatives** yesterday, May 12, 2020.

• If awarded, **the grant will expand and continue our work of increasing access and quality** for early child care and education.
Upcoming News & Next Steps

• **This month:**
  • NOEEN will complete Strong Start plan and community grant application.
  • NOEEN & NOLA-PS will complete their Lead Agency application.
  • NOLA-PS will launch online verification & aim to complete EC match.

• **This week:**
  • Refer to Strong Start guidance for “Phases” of reopening and key metrics.

• **June:**
  • Lead Agency applications submitted to BESE.
  • Next NOEEN Steering Committee!

• **Ongoing:**
  • Centers planning to reopen should contact LDOE & NOEEN to confirm.
Thank You!