Meeting Agenda
January 22, 2021

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Action Item: Adoption of November Minutes

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Information: Citywide Update
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Information: Outlook & Accountability
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NOEEN Coordinated Funding Request Approvals
January 22, 2021
Agenda

• Coordinated Funding Request Process Overview
• Consider specific Coordinated Funding Request Recommendations (Requires Votes)
The Coordinated Funding Request process is a core element of NOEEN’s Ready Start Network and Lead Agency Responsibilities.
The goal of NOEEN’s 2021-22 Coordinated Funding Request (CFR) is to ensure that the limited number of publicly-funded early childhood seats are allocated to those programs that are:

- Meeting Families’ Needs
- High Quality
- In High Demand By Parents
CFR Process Overview

1. Announce Process
2. Operators complete applications
3. Evaluator Committees score applications and make draft allocation recommendations
4. NOEEN Steering Committee reviews & approves allocation recommendations
5. LDE reviews NOEEN recommendations and determines final allocations
6. BESE approves final allocations
## 2021-2022 CFR Timeline

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<td>Sept. 25</td>
<td>NOEEN Steering Committee considers approval of CFR process</td>
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<td>Sept. 27</td>
<td>NOEEN releases CFR application</td>
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<td>Oct. 23</td>
<td>LA4/NSECD CFR process launches for the 2021-2022 school year</td>
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<td>Nov 13</td>
<td>LA4/NSECD CFR application due</td>
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<td>Jan 2021</td>
<td>NOEEN publicly posts draft CFR allocation recommendations</td>
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<td>BESE considers approval of final LDE CFR allocations</td>
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Application Elements

Contact Information
- Organization Name
- Emergency Contact Information
- Center Point of Contact

Citywide Needs
- Recruitment
- Continuity
- Partnerships
- Physical Space
- Before/After Care

School Quality
- Teacher recruitment, hiring, training, and support
- Development of all children in inclusive environments
- Services for students with exceptionalities
- Leadership experience
- Parent Engagement

Parent Demand
- Analyzed by EnrollNOLA
- If no previous data, a site visit will be conducted
All applications will be scored based on rubrics included in the application materials. How scores will be weighted depends on the type of program.

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<th>LA4 &amp; NSECD</th>
<th>Quality</th>
<th>Parent Demand*</th>
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*Based on EnrollNOLA data. For applicants that do not have EnrollNOLA data, a site visit will be conducted.
COVID Considerations

- Parents and Guardians may still elect to not fill a seat due to COVID if virtual learning is not what they prefer.
- The Coordinated Campaign continues, waitlist outreach, social media graphics, bus terminal ads and targeted email outreach.
- Schools inquired about returning seats if they are not able to fill the amount requested.
## Achieving the Right Balance

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<th>Funding Source</th>
<th>2020-2021 Allocated Seats</th>
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<td>165</td>
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<td><strong>2146</strong></td>
<td><strong>2303</strong></td>
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Note: we anticipate Head Start seats to be retained.
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CFR Recommendation – LA 4 & Tuition

• As the previous years, the LDE has requested that all seat requests be rank-ordered for funding by priority.
  • Priority is given to sites that are meeting parents needs, in high demand, and are quality operators.
  • 11 schools requested an increase in existing seats; 1 school requested a decrease. Paul Habans @ Clara’s, James Singleton and Harriet Tubman @ Clara’s did not request seats for the 21-22 school year.
    • Most current providers were granted the same number of seats, if requesting to renew.
CFR Recommendation – NSECD

• All current NSECD providers are recommended to keep NSECD seats.
• 2 sites requested new or increased NSECD seats, St. Stephen’s & McMillian First Steps
• Clara’s Little Lambs Preschool Academy has requested a decrease of 10 seats.
Questions and Comments
Action Items (Voting)

Questions/Comments?

1. Vote to approve the recommendation for LA4 seats
2. Vote to approve the recommendation for NSECD seats
Coordinated Funding
City Seats Allocation Update

- As of January, 98% of City Seats are full, an 18% increase from Nov (83% full).
- We can expect this to continue to fluctuate, given the uncertainties of COVID.
- However, at this time enrollment is strong enough that we do not expect a decrease in allocated funding, from either the city or the state.

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*Total allocation is 276. We have a very small number of seats to reallocate. That will be finalized this week, per the criteria on which we voted earlier in the season.
## Coordinated Funding

### City Seats Allocation Update

### Early Head Start – 94% enrollment

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LA4/NSECD Allocation Update

- As of January 19, **82% seats in school-based PK4 programs are filled** citywide.
  - Enrollment has stayed comparatively static in PK4 programs.
  - In November, enrollment in LA4/NSECD programs was at roughly 81% enrollment.
  - Unfilled seats do not correspond with lower-need / lower-demand areas.

- **This time last year: 95% of seats were filled**

 Returned Seats

- Fall of 2020 saw a high number of “returned” LA4 seats, 139.
- In October we voted to send 50% (70 total) back to the LDOE to reallocate, and to consider returning the remainder at a later date.
- At this time, NOEEN recommends we return the remaining 50% of returned seats.
Coordinated Funding
Citywide Update

Citywide, 86% of publicly-funded seats, on average, were filled as of January 19, 2020.

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<td><strong>4319</strong></td>
<td><strong>588</strong></td>
<td><strong>2173</strong></td>
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- A decline in public health has led to enrollment decrease or stagnation, as predicted.
- The rollout of the vaccine lends hope for a healthier system outlook come summer.
- We do not anticipate relatively low enrollment impacting allocations from the LDOE.
Coordinated Funding
Super App 2021-2022

Along with submission of the CFR recommendations, NOEEN is tasked with selecting network-wide strategies to improve access and quality, using the LDOE’s Super App.

**Green** strategies are those we’re already pursuing and will continue to pursue. Red are those we are not considering, or which we have tried and found unsuccessful.

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<td>1: Place 4 YR seats at child care centers.</td>
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<td>2: Increase B-3 seats at child care centers.</td>
<td>2: Place LA4/NSECD in high needs zips.</td>
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<td>3: Increase EHS seats relative to HS.</td>
<td>3: Use 8g grants to maximize PK eligibility.</td>
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<td>4: Increase 3’s served through HS.</td>
<td>4: Build partnerships between HS &amp; schools.</td>
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<td>5: Use IDEA dollars to expand SPED services.</td>
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<td>6: Independently fundraise for ECE.</td>
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What other strategies, if any, should NOEEN consider pursuing for 2021-2022?
Coordinated Enrollment

• NOEEN is supporting NOLAPS’s enrollment campaign through additional marketing.
• Bus, billboard, social media, & direct mail ads have launched or are in the approval process.
• We expect marketing to continue to move the needle on current and future year enrollment numbers.

Early childhood education is one of the best decisions you can make for your child’s future.

Your child’s education from birth to age five is key to how successful they will be in life. They are more likely to graduate from high school, earn more money and own their own homes.

Start your child’s future now. Enroll them in an early childcare center. enrollnola.org/enroll-current-year
Coordinated Observations & Supports

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- Discussion: Outlook & Accountability

  with Michael Bock, Louisiana Department of Education
Coordinated Observation Update & Spring Approach

A total of 505 classrooms were eligible to be observed for the Fall 2020 semester, a decrease of over 100 classrooms from the 2019-2020 school year.

- **433 classrooms** were observed; **72 classrooms** were waived.
- **7 classrooms** closed permanently due to financial hardship.
- **Over 90%** of all sites opted into in-person observations, when available.

In December, BESE approved a one-time emergency rule allowing classrooms that received a Fall score of 4.50+ to be exempted from a local observation in the Spring.

Based on NOEEN’s internal, preliminary calculations, roughly **76% of classrooms** may be eligible to waive their Spring observation. We expect to know the final number of eligible classrooms the week of January 25.
Ready Start Network
Initiatives Update

• Discussion: Modified Phase I
• Strategic Initiatives

*Updates from Jen Roberts, President of Agenda for Children*
Our next meeting is March 17, 2021. We expect to have substantial updates around funding, enrollment, CLASS, and COVID-19 at our March meeting.

Agenda for Children offices will be closed February 15 – 19. *Laissez les temps en bonne santé roulez!*

1. October 21, 2020
2. November 18, 2020
3. January 20, 2021
4. March 17, 2021
5. May 19, 2021

**No meetings:**
- December
- February
- April

**Recess:**
- June - August
Thank You!