
New Orleans Early Education Network (NOEEN) Steering Committee Meeting

Agenda for Children
8300 Earhart Blvd. Ste. 201
New Orleans, LA 70118
June 13, 2018
11:30 am

Committee Members in Attendance: Maria Blanco, Joy Mitchell, Dr. Keith Liederman, and Kunjan Narechania

Committee Members Absent: Carole Elliott, Joyce Ridgeway, Rhonda Taylor, Kristi Givens, Thelma French (Catherine Robin attended as non-voting proxy), and Amanda Aiken (Sean Perkins attended as a non-voting proxy)

At 11:40 am, the meeting was called to order by Dr. Liederman.

I. Network

- a. NOEEN Executive Director Search Update:** Jennifer “Jen” Roberts has been hired as the Executive Director of NOEEN and will assume the role on August 1st. She has extensive experience in education and grant-making in New Orleans.

II. Update on City Funding for Early Childhood Seats

- a. Overview:** The City Of New Orleans has committed to funding 50 seats at the rate of \$12,000 per seat for a total of \$600,000.
- b. Site Selection Process:** NOEEN used a process similar to the Coordinated Funding Request process to solicit and evaluate applications from eligible Type III centers interested in participating in the program. Every site submitted an application and received a site visit from three evaluation committee members, who used a rubric to score each visit. Scores from all three evaluators were averaged, and the highest-scoring site from each city planning district was awarded seats. This process ensured that high-quality seats would be available to children throughout the city.
- c. Family Matching:** Families who are already on Early Head wait lists will be notified about the availability of the seats, and given instructions on how to apply. Applicants will be ranked according to their Eligibility Priority Criteria (EPC) Scores, and the highest-ranked children will be offered seats. In the future, children will be matched to programs through EnrollNOLA’s main round and late enrollment processes.

III. Coordinated Enrollment

- a. Update:** More three and four year olds were matched to programs during Main Round this year, and it is expected that more families will participate in Main Round than in Open Enrollment. However, in 2018-2019, a smaller percentage of children were

matched to their top 1 or top 3 programs due to many applicants applying to the same high-demand programs.

- b. Seat Availability:** There are currently 1,029 seats available for the 2018-2019 school year. Among PK4 programs, Head Start, Tuition-Based and Gifted programs are most likely to have fewer than 5 seats open for the upcoming school year. 54% of public schools have 5 or fewer LA4 seats. A majority of NSECD sites and PEG sites have more than 5 vacancies right now.

IV. Coordinated Observations and Supports

- a. CLASS Observation Update:** In Spring 2018, 100% of NOEEN toddler and Pre-K classrooms were observed.
- b. CLASS Scores:** Network scores have improved steadily since last year, with the largest gains seen in Instructional Support and Engaged Support for Learning.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm.