

### **Draft Minutes**

**Committee Members in attendance:** Leslie Anderson, Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Philip Belcher, Christy Cheek, Kit Cramer, Mistie Cogburn-Reising, Jane Hatley, Rich Johnston, Chevaun Letman, Susan Mims, Robert Pressley, Glenda Weinert, Al Whitesides, Kidada Wynn

**County support staff in attendance:** Burnett Walz, Kimberly Fullerton, Christina McEntee, Michael Frue, Rachael Nygaard, Angelyn Johnson, Sean Hammac (IT)

**Welcome** and agenda review by Jasmine Beach-Ferrara. Tech tutorial by Burnett Walz. Teleconference option available for all who would like to join meetings. Public comment at end. Applicants not eligible to address committee regarding their application.

#### **Legal update**

Attorney Michael Frue explained that the NC House and Senate recently passed legislation around public remote/virtual meetings. If everyone in the meeting can't be seen, there must be a roll call. Any time a member speaks, they must identify themselves. All votes must be performed by roll call. Any chats, communications by instant messages, texts, etc. will be public records and must be preserved.

#### **Minutes**

A motion was made by Kit Cramer and seconded by Susan Mims to approve minutes from April 21, 2020. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

#### **New Business**

**Applicant Funding Question Responses** – Responses from applicants have been compiled and distributed to the committee. This includes questions specific to each program provided as “Committee Funding Questions” as well as two other items: Impacts of COVID-19 on the program/funding request; and minimum amount of funding needed to effectively carry out and execute the project outlined in the application. Additional information was sent regarding Southwestern Child Development summarizing staff conversations to gather further information provided by Southwestern with project history. Rachael Nygaard reviewed this information verbally with the committee.

**Scoring Model** – In preparation for this meeting, committee members were provided a scoring model template that reflects revised funding levels requested by the applicants. Request from Leslie Anderson to reclassify Asheville City Schools Hall Fletcher which was listed as creating new classrooms but should be listed as supporting capacity and/or quality for existing programs.

**Funding Scenarios** – The committee requested to see the modified requests for each organization due to COVID as a funding scenario to see the new overall total for requests. Burnett calculated 2 scenarios – one with the higher request and one with the lower request. The lower request comes in \$108,701 over available funds. The committee discussed multiple scenarios to finalize the recommendation for a total of \$3,672,000 in FY2020 grants.

**Funding Recommendations –**

Asheville City Schools	Local Preschool	\$ 851,411
Asheville City Schools	Maintaining Classroom at Hall Fletcher Elementary	\$ 159,000
Asheville Jewish Community Center	Sustaining ECE Professionals through Recruitment and Training	\$ 13,375
Buncombe County Partnership for Children	Child Care Resources: Professional and Systems	\$ 153,000
Buncombe County Partnership for Children	Buncombe County Early Childhood Teacher Workforce Development Program	\$ 138,019
Buncombe County Partnership for Children	Early Childhood Systems Coordination and Shared Services Development	\$ 98,644
Buncombe County Partnership for Children	Developing a Comprehensive Staffed Family Child Care Network to increase FCCH slots	\$ 15,882
Buncombe County Schools	Increasing Access to High-Quality Early Care and Education at Emma Elementary School	\$ 450,000
CCCS of WNC, Inc. DBA OnTrack Financial Education & Counseling	SECURE Matched Savings for Buncombe County Childcare Workers	\$ 79,000
CIMA-Compañeros Inmigrantes de las Montañas en Accion	PODER Emma Bilingual ECE Shared Services Cooperative & Network	\$ 36,729
Community Action Opportunities	Boost Buncombe Families, A Full-Day Full-Year Pre-Kindergarten Program at the Lonnie D Burton Center	\$ 234,675
Community Action Opportunities	Boost Buncombe Children, A School-Day School-Year Pre-Kindergarten Project at Johnston Elementary	\$ 138,262
Eliada Homes, Inc	Eliada Child Development	\$ 106,384
Irene Wortham Center	Early Learning Center Program Expansion	\$ 97,706
Southwestern Child Development	Valley Child Development	\$ 183,508
Swannanoa Valley Child Care Council-Children and Friends Enrichment	Opening the New Center for 170 Children	\$ 331,945
The Christine Avery Learning Center	Sustaining Enhancing Acquiring Success (SEAS)	\$ 250,000
Warren Wilson College	Partnership for Excellence in Early Childhood Education - A Gateway to B.A. and B-K	\$ 254,460
YWCA of Asheville and Western North Carolina	Early Learning Program Quality Enhancement Program	\$ 80,000

A motion was made by Kit Cramer and seconded by Al Whitesides to approve the multi-year request for Buncombe County Schools (\$450K each year for 3 years) and YWCA (\$80K for year 1, and \$150K for years 2 and 3) contingent on meeting performance goals in FY2021. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Susan Mims and seconded by Kit Cramer to approve the recommendations listed above. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

**Announcements**

- The Committee thanked county staff for all of their hard work and support throughout the process.
- Grant recommendations due to the County Budget Office by May 12.

**Public Comment**

No public comments were received.

**Next meeting**

June 2 at 1:00 pm virtually

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Al Whitesides and seconded by Susan Mims to adjourn the meeting.