



Local Partnership Program and Grants Committee Meeting

September 15, 2022

In Person

11:00am- 1:00pm

Agenda

1. Welcome

2. Updates – Derek Cromwell

- a. Corrective Action update
 - i. York County transitioned expired board members to come into compliance with legislation. Now in full compliance.
 - ii. Clarendon County has come into compliance with its conflict-of-interest disclosure forms. Now in full compliance
 - iii. Seven (7) counties remaining on corrective action for programmatic issues are Abbeville, Aiken, Calhoun, Greenwood, Lancaster, Lexington, and Richland Counties.
- b. READY Grants update
 - i. \$725,000 set aside in READY targeted grants.
 - ii. Will be done in two rounds- Round 1 deadline September 27 & Round 2 deadline January 20.
 - iii. Two rounds will give those partnerships on corrective action time to rectify their corrective action and be eligible to apply in round 2.
 - iv. Up to \$485,750 for round one and then the remaining for round two.
 - v. Review team of Program Officers will review applications as they come in.
 - vi. Will present to P&G committee for approval prior to full Board meeting in October.

3. Action Item- New Program Guidelines

- a. Program Guidelines – Weekend Backpack
 - i. Weekend Backpack is an evidenced informed strategy that provides preschool age children with nutritious, kid friendly meals on weekends and holidays when school is not open.
- b. Program Guidelines- Supplemental to Evidenced- Based Strategies
 - i. Supplemental to Evidenced-Based Strategies are utilized to support Evidenced-Based programs by providing supplemental resources and activities to families. Although not a part of implementation fidelity, these resources provide important support to evidenced based strategies. Examples include program participation incentives or providing activities for children while families are engaged in evidenced based strategies.

Motion: The Local Partnership Program and Grants Committee approves the new Evidence Informed Program Guidelines for the Weekend Backpack and



Supplemental to Evidenced -Based Strategies to be included in the Program and Operational Guidelines for FY23.

4. Action Item- Program Guideline Update

- a. Program Guidelines- Healthy Families Parenting Inventory (HFPI)
 - i. The Healthy Family Parenting Inventory (HFPI) is an assessment required for evidenced -based parenting home visiting programs.
 - ii. Need to adjust initial assessment due date from 45 days of enrollment to 90 days.
 - iii. All evidenced based Parenting Home visiting programs to be updated are as follows; Parents as Teachers, Family Literacy Model, Early Steps, Raising a Reader Enhanced, and Incredible Years.
 - iv. The language of the Program Guideline as amended: *All PAT Affiliates shall complete, at minimum, baseline and post assessments of the primary adult identified within each enrolled case using the Healthy Families Parenting Inventory (HFPI). The initial HFPI should be completed within 90 days of enrollment and every six months thereafter until program exit. (ER 21)*

Motion: The Local Partnership Program and Grants Committee approves the update to the Evidenced-Based Home Visiting Parenting Program guidelines listed for the FY23 grant year.

5. Action Item- Corrective Action- Financial

- a. Financial Corrective Action:
 - i. **Carry Forward (15% or more)**
 - 1. As you all are aware, in FY20 and FY21 the SCFS Board of Trustees gave Local Partnerships waivers for carry forward due to the ramifications of Covid-19. In light of this all counties with carry forward for FY22 will be treating as first-time infractions, regardless of the past two-year track record.
 - 2. Fourteen Local Partnerships will fall into this category. Each partnership will be required to submit a plan for how they intend to spend the money in FY23. If no plan is submitted or approved for any county, they will be brought back to this committee for corrective action. The Partnerships are; Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Chester, Clarendon, Fairfield, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Laurens, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, and Oconee.
 - ii. **Match requirement (minimum 15%)**
 - 1. Three (3) Local Partnerships have not met the legislatively required minimum of 15% match for FY22. They are:
 - a. Aiken County – 4.9%
 - b. Georgetown County- 13.33%
 - c. Greenwood County- 8.33%



Motion: The Local Partnership Program and Grants Committee approves the financial corrective action determination as presented for the three local partnerships identified; Aiken County, Greenwood County, and Georgetown County. As a result of corrective action, the local partnerships effected are not eligible to apply for competitive or targeted grants until they have satisfactorily resolved the discrepancies noted on their corrective action plans as determined by SC First Steps.

6. Next Meeting

Special Called Meeting- October 11, 2022, at 11:30am.

This meeting is being held specifically for the Local Partnership Program and Grants Committee to approve the recommended applications for READY Admin/Capacity Targeted Grants.

7. Adjourn