



State Board

Local Partnership Program and Grants Committee Meeting

August 5, 2021
Zoom Webinar
11:30am- 1:00pm

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Chief Partnership Officer Update
 - a. Visiting Local Partnerships across state- 14 to date 5 more on schedule with 6 pending dates.
 - b. Priorities: Relationships, Support, Accountability
 - c. Big issue: Retaining staff
3. Corrective Action Plans Update- Mark Barnes and Derek Cromwell (**Action required**)
 - a. Unresolved FY2019 Corrective Action update (Mark Barnes)
 - i. Greenwood County First Steps
 - ii. Abbeville County First Steps
 - b. New Corrective action FY021 (Derek Cromwell)
 - i. Barnwell County First Steps- Local partnership board did not maintain a minimum membership of 12 members.
 - ii. Jasper County First Steps- Excessive Carry forward money.
 - iii. Horry County First Steps- Failed to meet 15% match requirement
 - iv. Kershaw County First Steps- Local partnership board did not maintain a minimum membership of 12 members.

*** Motion to prohibit the following local partnerships from receiving competitive and targeted grants from South Carolina First Steps until all of the partnerships' issues contained in their Corrective Action Plans and until any pending investigations are resolved; Unresolved Fiscal Year 19 corrective action and unresolved OIG investigation- Abbeville County FS and Greenville County FS; New unresolved Fiscal year 21 Corrective Action- Barnwell County FS, Horry County First Steps, Jasper County FS, and Kershaw County FS.**



4. Early Childhood Innovation Grant Awards- Betty Gardiner **(Action Required)**

- a. \$250,000 available- up from \$100,000 in 2018
- b. 9 Applications, representing 21 Local Partnerships.
- c. 3 professional external reviewers.

*** Motion to accept the Early Childhood Innovation Grant Awards to 5 applications representing the following 7 Local Partnerships as recommended by the SC First Steps grant review committee- Chesterfield, Anderson, Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester, Cherokee, and Colleton Local First Steps.**

5. Next Meeting TBD 9/9/2021

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