



**State Board
Local Partnership Program and Grants Committee Meeting**

October 12, 2022
In Person and Zoom

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11:30am- 1:00pm

Agenda

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Action Item**

Risk Factors- Chelsea Richard

- a. State office is requesting permission to update the way risk factors are defined.

Motion #1:

Whereas disability, foster care, and living in poverty or a low-income household are risk factors for early school failure already adopted by the Board;

Whereas disability, foster care, and living in poverty or a low-income household are eligibility criteria for South Carolina Medicaid's Partners for Healthy Children coverage;

Whereas the poverty threshold for Medicaid eligibility for children includes the poverty threshold for other public benefit programs, like the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC);

Whereas Medicaid eligibility is an eligibility criterion for First Steps 4K and First Steps 4K students are sometimes a target population of local partnership programs, like for Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY);

Whereas identifying those eligible, but not enrolled and assisting them in the enrollment process can lead to improved health and health care access;

Medicaid eligibility for children birth through age five is added to the list of First Steps approved risk factors.



Motion #2

Whereas exposure to caregiver/parent mental health and substance use issues and living in poverty or a low-income household are risk factors for early school failure already adopted by the Board;

Whereas Medicaid coverage can lead to improved maternal health at birth and for one year postpartum and healthy moms have an increased likelihood of healthy babies;

Whereas identifying those eligible, but not enrolled and assisting them in the enrollment process can lead to improved health and health care access;

Whereas the poverty threshold for Medicaid eligibility and qualifying event of pregnancy and birth includes the eligibility criteria of other public benefit programs, like the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC);

Medicaid eligibility for pregnant and postpartum individuals is added to the list of First Steps approved risk factors.

Motion #3

The Local Partnership Program and Grants Committee authorizes staff to reword, refine, and categorize the list of risk factors to be more family centered.

3. Action Item

Corrective Action- Derek Cromwell

The Appendix F- Board Membership

- a. Horry County- Currently does not have minimum required (12) number of Board members. Currently have 8.
 - i. Had 4 recent resignations which left them below requirement. Having elections in November.
- b. Georgetown County- Currently does not have minimum required (12) number of Board members. Currently have 9.
 - i. Had 3 Board members in expired terms. Having election October 25, 2022.
- c. Sumter County- Currently 1 appointed Board member in expired term.
 - i. State Office has reached out to Legislative delegation to assist. Hopefully corrected soon.



Motion:

The Local Partnership Program and Grants Committee approves the corrective action determination as presented for the 3 local partnerships identified: Georgetown County, Horry County and Sumter 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.

4. Action Item

READY Grant Award Approval- Derek Cromwell

In FY2022-23, South Carolina First Steps intends to award up to \$725,000 in Resources for Early Acceleration and Development in Youth (READY) targeted grants to local First Steps partnerships, renewable for two additional years, to increase the local partnership's capacity and infrastructure to serve more children and families in their community. Awards will be made in two rounds in FY2022-23.

Round 1 application are due September 27, 2022, by 5:00pm for funding consideration by the SC First Steps Board of Trustees at its October 2022 meeting. Up to two-thirds of funding reserved for infrastructure and capacity grants (\$485,750) may be awarded during Round 1, with the remainder reserved for Round 2 awards.

- a. Approved READY Grants-** Grants awarded with no needed revisions.

Motion:

The Local Partnerships Program and Grants Committee approves the award of Resources for Early Acceleration and Development in Youth (READY) Infrastructure and Capacity Building round 1 grants to the following ten (10) Local Partnerships as selected by the SCFS State Office review Committee; Cherokee, Chesterfield, Colleton, Edgefield, Jasper, Kershaw, Pickens, Saluda, Sumter, and York Local Partnerships.

- b. Approved with Revisions READY Grants-** Grants awarded once revisions recommended by SC First Stapes staff are made and submitted.

Motion:

The Local Partnerships Program and Grants Committee approves the award with revisions of the Resources for Early Acceleration and Development in Youth (READY) Infrastructure and Capacity Building round 1 grants to the following ten (10) Local Partnerships as selected by the SCFS Review Committee; Beaufort, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Hampton, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, Orangeburg, and Williamsburg Local Partnerships.

5. Adjourn Next Meeting November 17th 11:30-1:00