

Today's Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. 2018 First Steps Legislation
 - What You Need to Know
3. FY 19 Renewal Grant Applications
 - Review process and what's next
 - Finance update
 - State trends in resource development and governance
4. Save the Children Action Network –
 - SC Voter Attitudes On Early Childhood Education*
 - Lunch / Recognition for Retiring Executive Directors**
5. Input and Ideas: a Brainstorming Session with our State Director
6. Table discussions of “Interest Topics” and report out

Act 152 of 2018 (H.3591)

Changes related to:

- **Statutory authorization**
- **Partnership overhead costs**
- **Annual Reporting Requirements**
- **Aligns SCFS with requirements of state agencies**
- **Ensures legislative review every seven years**
- **Eliminates outdated language**

Act 152 of 2018 (H.3591)

Changes related to:

- **Statutory authorization**
 - **Reauthorizes First Steps until June 30, 2025, an extension of 7 years.**

Act 152 of 2018 (H.3591)

Changes related to:

- **Partnership overhead costs**
 - **2014 reauthorization required overhead cost study and enabled Board to adjust overhead rate accordingly.**

Act 152 of 2018 (H.3591)

Changes related to:

- **Partnership overhead costs**
 - **Act 153 locks this overhead rate for at least five years and prohibits the Board from granting waivers.**
 - **Partnerships exceeding this rate (that are not part of a multicounty partnership) are ineligible to receive state funds.**

Act 152 of 2018 (H.3591)

Changes related to:

- **Annual Reporting Requirements**
 - **Extensive new annual reporting requirements, including:**
 - **Needs/resources available at state and local partnership levels**
 - **Kindergarten readiness results and longitudinal data here as it becomes available.**

Act 152 of 2018 (H.3591)

Changes related to:

- **Annual Reporting Requirements**
 - **Listing of evidence-based and evidence-informed programs offered and number served over past 3 years.**
 - **Depiction of overall percentage of at-risk kids served.**
 - **All revenues and expenditures at state and partnership levels.**

Act 152 of 2018 (H.3591)

Changes related to:

- **Annual Reporting Requirements**
 - **Availability of high-quality professional development and TA for child care and number served by partnership.**
 - **Description of innovative practices.**

Act 152 of 2018 (H.3591)

Changes related to:

- **Annual Reporting Requirements**
 - **Description of TA provided by SCFS to partnerships, with information on types and outcomes.**
 - **Evidence of each local partnership's collaboration with public and private stakeholders.**
 - **Performance reviews of local partnerships.**

Act 152 of 2018 (H.3591)

Changes related to:

- **Aligns SCFS with requirements of a state agency**
 - **Director's salary to be approved by Agency Head Salary Commission**
 - **Submission of annual Agency Accountability Report and all other "reports as required by a state agency."**

Act 152 of 2018 (H.3591)

Changes related to:

- Ensures legislative review every seven years
 - SCFS already subject to legislative oversight process (7 year cycle)
 - If not reviewed during this period, new law establishes process for seating a joint committee to do so.

Act 152 of 2018 (H.3591)

Changes related to:

- **Eliminates outdated language**
 - **Deletes statutory language related to 2014 First Steps Study Committee**
 - **Deletes references to BabyNet**

FY19 Renewal Grant Applications Review Process and What's Next

- Collectively the partnerships proposed 238 programs (strategies) for FY19
- 219 strategies are recommended for approval and 19 are proposed for “conditional approval”
- Range from 2 to 9 programs/county
- TA will focus on Core Functions for coming year
- Late data entry slowed review process:

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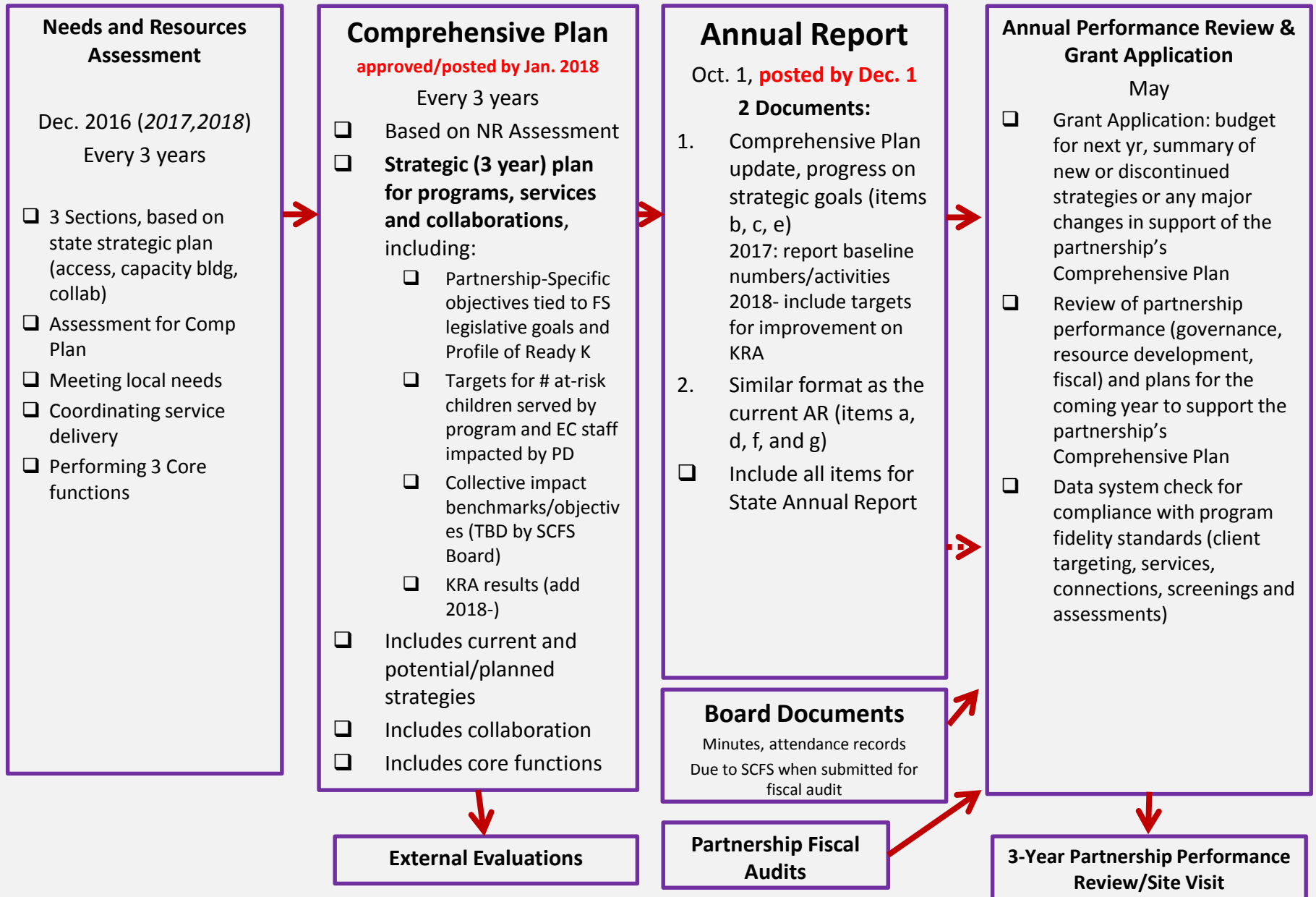
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FY19 Renewal Grant Applications Review Process and What's Next

State Board Decision re: FY 19 Carry Forward

- *Partnerships whose carry forward exceeds 15% for two or more consecutive fiscal years will not receive any carry forward funds in excess of 15% of their state allocation, effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018.*
- The plan would be for these funds to then be reallocated to local partnerships through a competitive grant process approved by the Programs and Grants Committee and the Board of Trustees.
- At this point we do not know that there will be a need to take action on withholding funds, but this gives advance notice of the board's intent.

Partnership Accountability Framework - June 2018



FY 19 Grant Agreements

- Grant Agreements will be sent electronically this year via email to Board Chair and ED.
- Print agreement, get board chair signature, scan and return via email only the grant agreement.
- State Executive Director will then sign your agreement and the full grant agreement with all attachments will be scanned and emailed back to Board Chair and Executive Director.

Finance Update

- Financial Management System : Waiting on State Department of Education and MMO to post the system.
- Staffing: Beverly Mills will be leaving. Her last day will be Friday, June 22. We will hire a temporary person to assist in covering the work load.
- Still working on the Contracts and Procurement updates.
- Work will begin soon on updating the Allocation Model. Will be joint effort between the Board of Trustees Finance and Administration Committee, the ED Finance and Administration Committee and SC First Steps Staff.

Year-End Closing Process

July 1st:

- Review eThORITY report [**Category Budgets vs. Expenses (DETAILED)**]
- Review any unpaid invoices thru June 30th
- If budget reallocations are required to pay invoices thru June 30th | prepare reallocation form
- Spend all prior year carry forward budget authority

July 31st:

- All invoices for payment/ in-kind documentation must be **in the office** of the RFM
- All budget reallocation forms must be finalized and **in the office** of the RFM

RFM Deadlines -

August 15th:

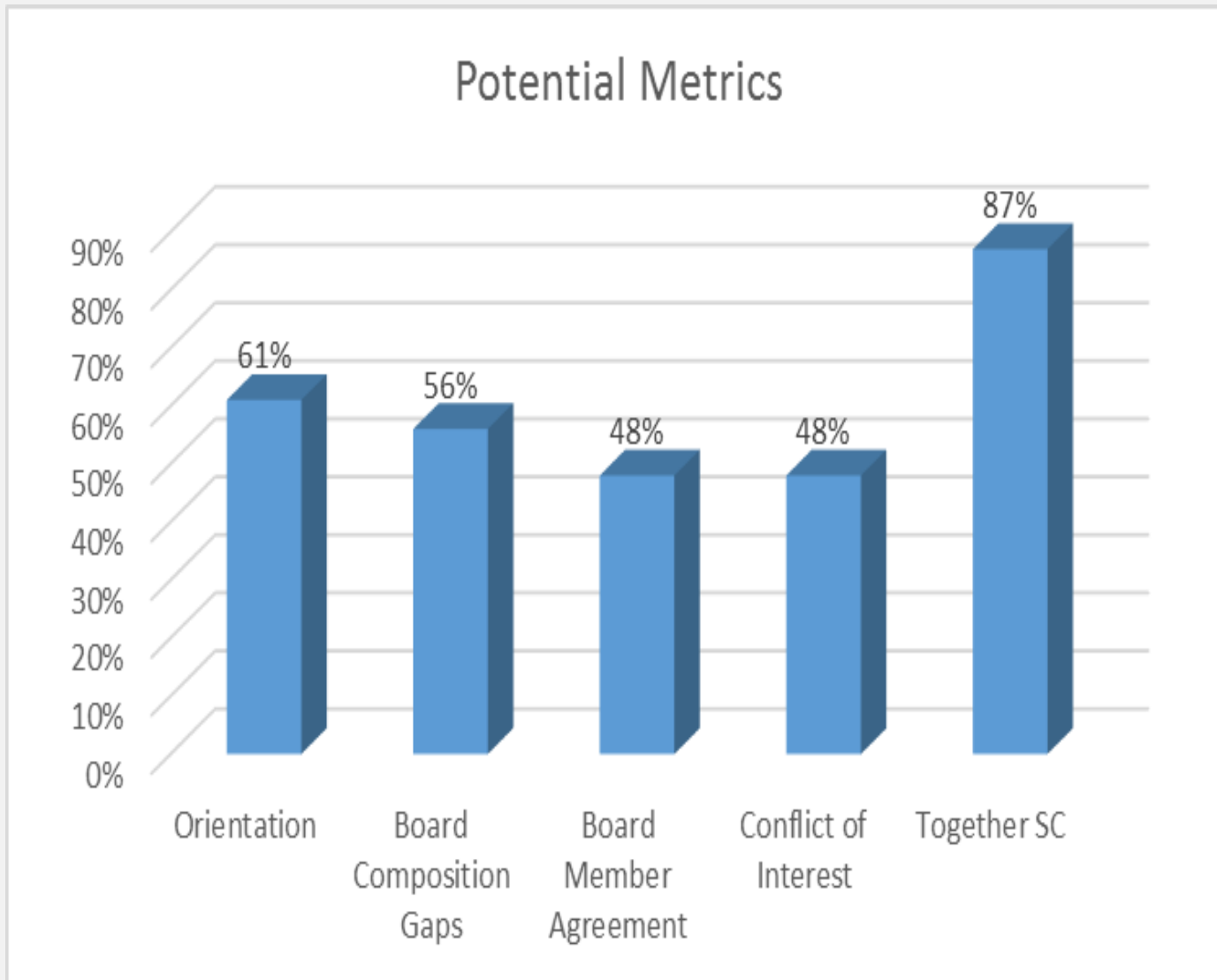
- Stop all payment of invoices in UMS
- Stop all in-kind entries into UMS

No Later than August 31st:

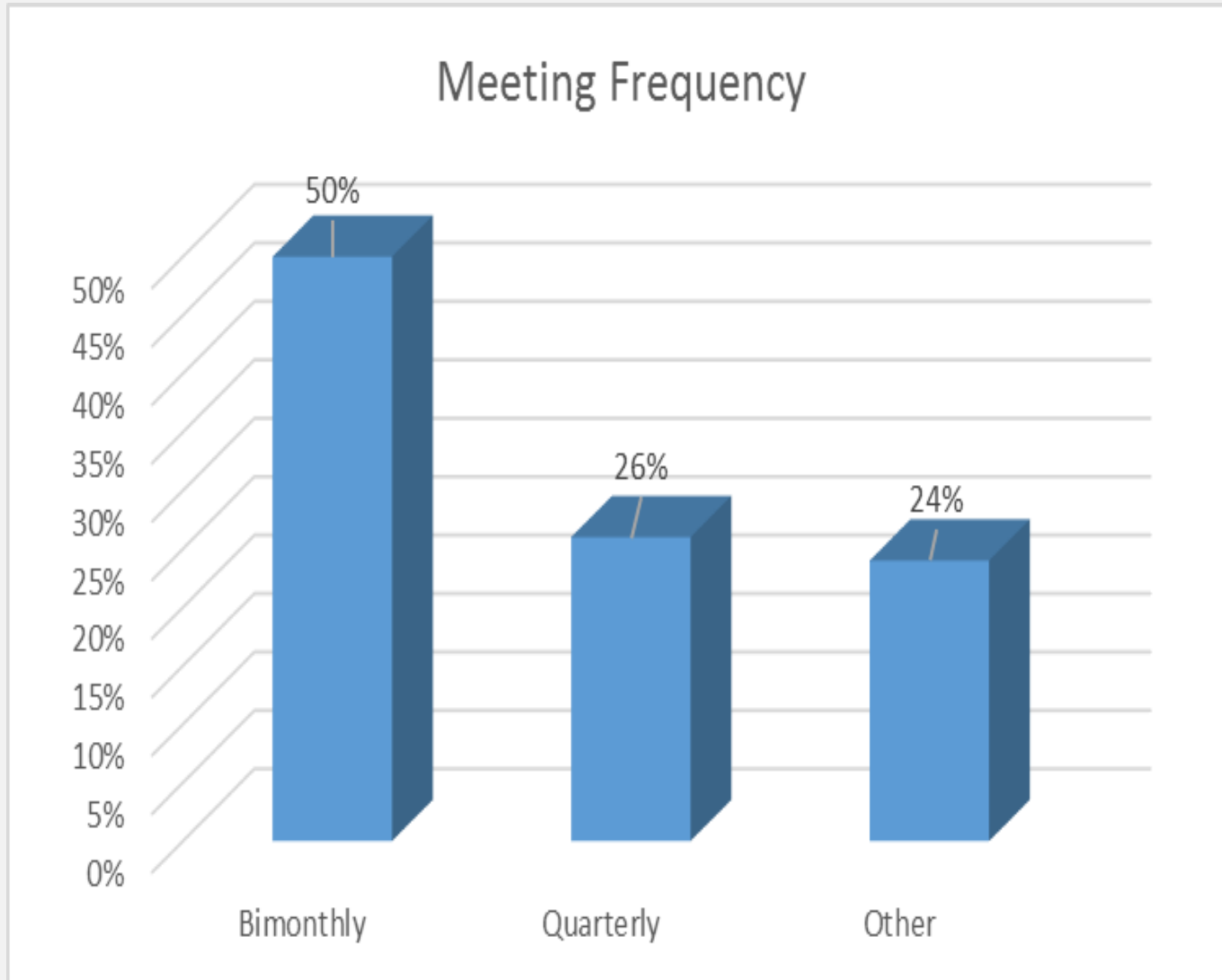
- Generate and submit all Year-End UMS reports

Partnership Trends in Resource Development and Governance

Board Governance

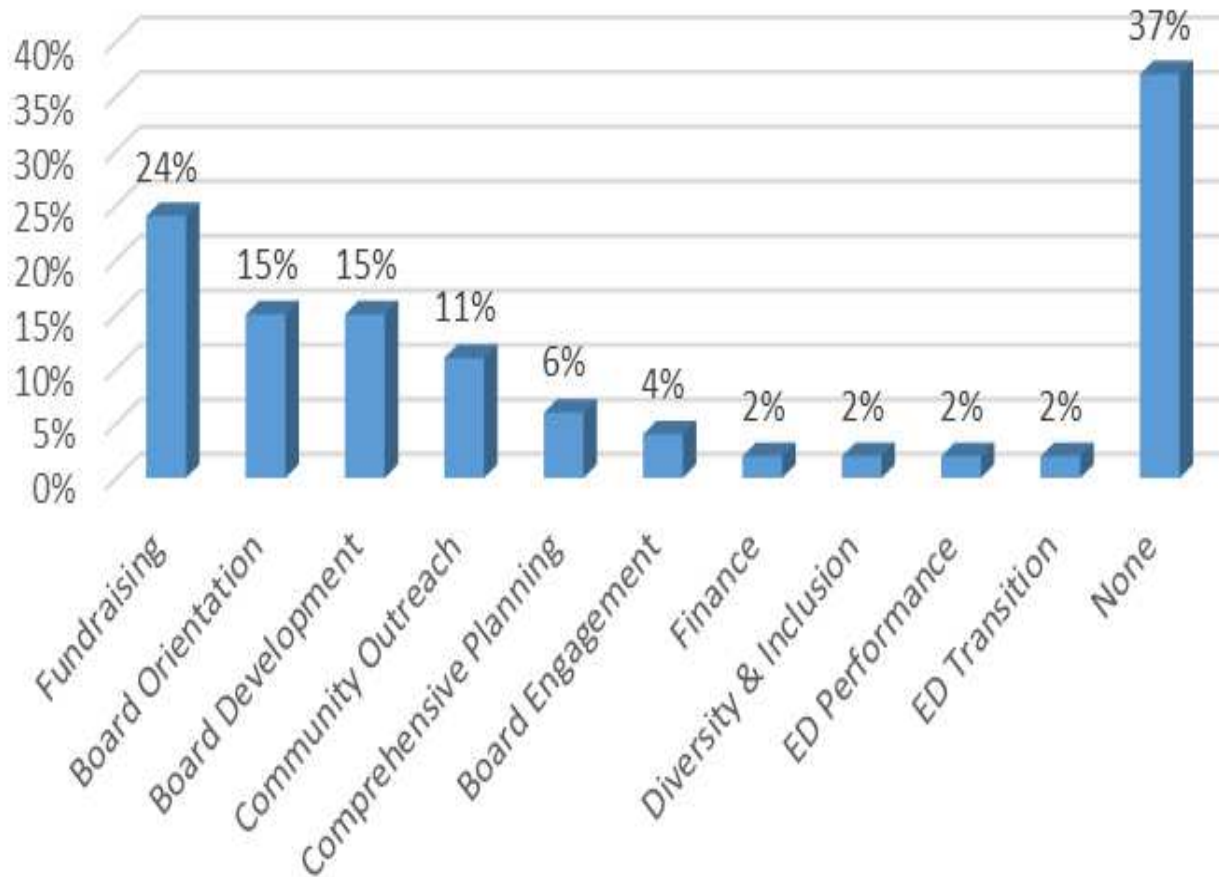


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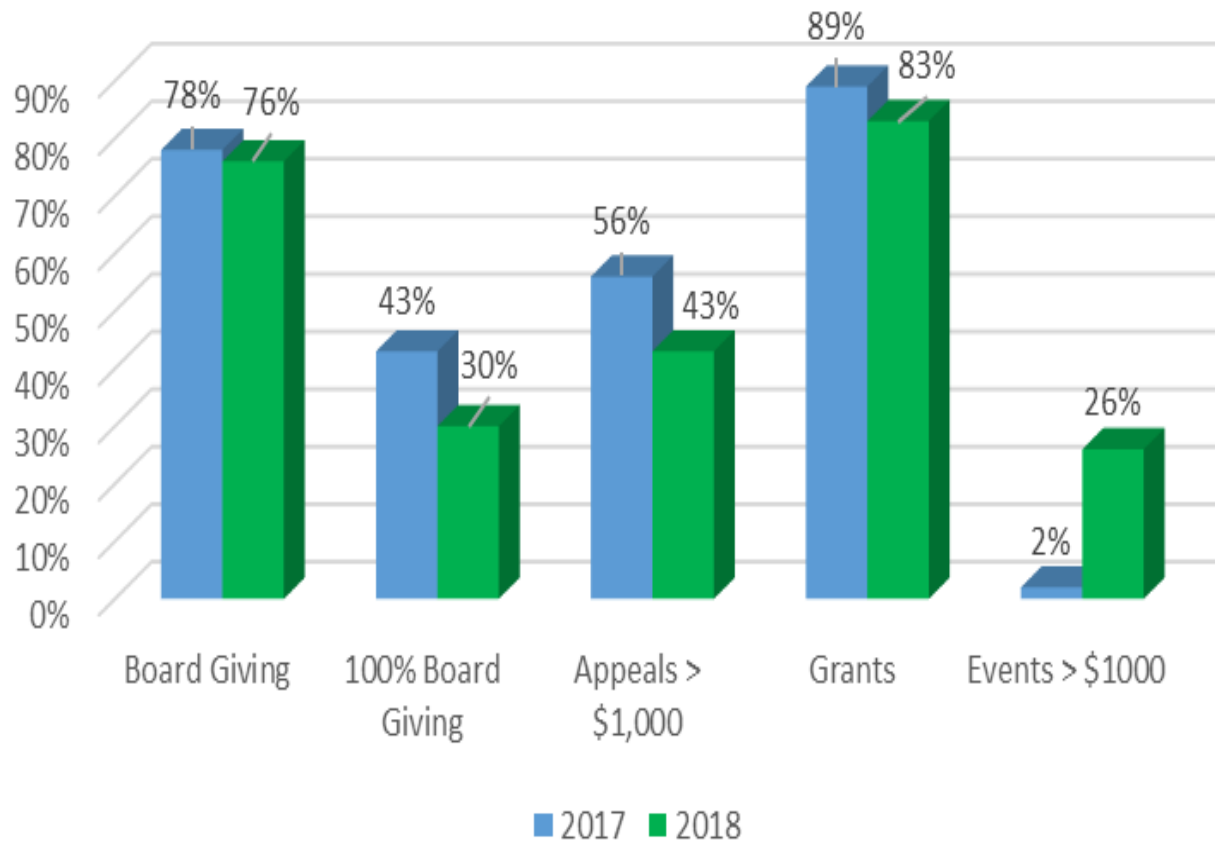
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Need for Technical Assistance



Resource Development

SC First Steps County Partnerships
Resource Development



Save the Children Action Network

Executive Director Recognition



Carol Daly

GEORGETOWN COUNTY



Getting children ready for school.



Patricia Caldwell

NEWBERRY COUNTY



Getting children ready for school.

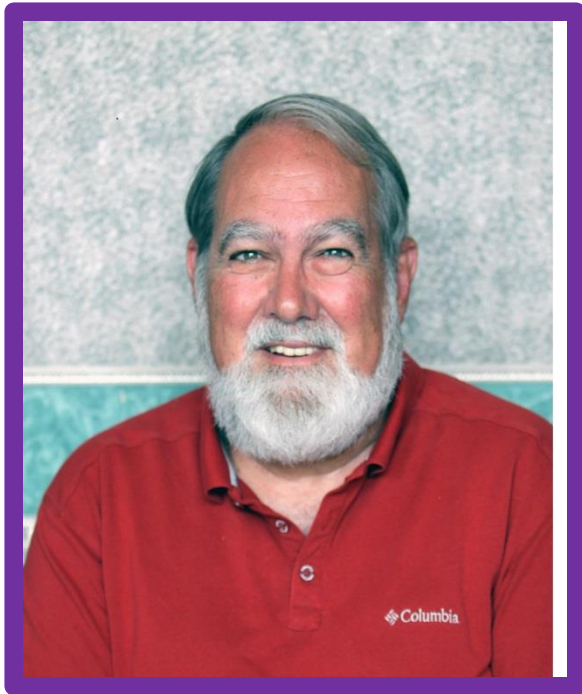


Marie Dunnam

OCONEE COUNTY



Getting children ready for school.



Rick Noble

RICHLAND COUNTY



Getting children ready for school.



Carolyn Brooks

SPARTANBURG COUNTY



Getting children ready for school.

Input and Ideas: A Brainstorming Session with the State Director

Interest Tables

Core Functions - serving as a portal and convener

Getting Data – and using it to tell your story

Fundraising – ideas for state and local collaboration

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion – vision for First Steps

Local Partnership Awards – innovation, recognition