



All New Haven children, birth through 8 are healthy, safe, thriving in nurturing families and prepared to be successful lifelong learners.

NHEC Council Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting

October 6, 2021

Time: 300-4:30 pm

Meeting Called to Order – J. Heath

Welcome / Agenda – J. Heath

Attendees welcome, overview of agenda given, and attendees asked to introduce themselves.

September 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the September 01, 2021 Meeting Minutes **Margaret Girgis/MOVED Wendy Simmons /SECONDED Motion Carried. Note Abstentions: W. Simmons, and S. Fabish**

NHECC Membership Appointments – D. Talley

- Process is moving along; waiting for the final letter from the City of New Haven Corporate Council. New policy requires 25% of NHECC to be composed of parents; looking for 6 additional parents – please email referrals and ideas to D. Talley.

NH School Readiness Overview (Infor/Discussion) – J. Heath and D. Duclos

- Goal and Program Overview Presentation on the following: requirements for programs that receive School Readiness funding; quality components required by legislation; New Haven School Readiness Program 2021-2022.
- Role of the council: as specified from the state, tied to school readiness funding, and its broader emphasis as it relates to transition and community.
- Key issues for this year include: understanding and meeting parent's needs; how to help program with their challenges, improve quality; building equity into systems; being ready to take advantage of funding.

Attendee's transitioned to Breakout Rooms

- Attendees discussed challenges and opportunities in the role of the council; were to ask providers about programs and how members can be supportive.
- At the conclusion of the session, attendees were asked to send a summary of the session to R. McCray and D. Duclos.

Data Project Recommendation for Family Voice (Discuss / Vote) – S. Fabish

- **Recommendation #1:** Highlighted summary of recommendation. Note detailed description of recommendation emailed October 4, 2021. Each recommendation will be voted on and discussed **separately**.

Motion to Approve “Request that the Council allocate up to \$65,000 for contractor to conduct a data project to gather feedback from New Haven families that would inform future planning around early care and education.” **Kelly Davis/MOVED Wendy Simmons /SECONDED Motion Carried. Note – Opposed: Tammy Robinson; Abstentions: S. Witherspoon, E. Teller, L. Wiener, and G. Sharma**

- **Recommendation #2:** Highlighted summary of recommendation. Note detailed description of recommendation emailed October 4, 2021. This recommendation will be voted on and discussed separately.

Motion to Approve the “Request that the council establish an ad hoc committee to solicit and review proposals from research partners and make a recommendation to full Council regarding the preferred partner for the project.” **Tammy Robinson/MOVED Elizabeth Teller /SECONDED Motion Carried. Note – Opposed: none; Abstentions: L. Wiener, and G. Sharma**

Note – please contact R. McCray with ad hoc committee interest.

Review Criteria for SR Waiver (Discuss / Vote) – S. Fabish

- Highlighted summary of recommendation. Note detailed description of recommendation emailed October 4, 2021.

Sarah Fabish MOVED to Approve the “Request council establish an ad hoc committee to review waiver requests and bring recommendations to full Council for vote.” **Sarah Fabish/MOVED G. Sharma/SECONDED Motion Carried. Note – Opposed: none; Abstentions: P. Augustine-Jefferson, A. Schiavone, E. Teller, K. Davis, and T. Robinson**

Updates and Announcements – All

- W. Simmons, NHChild – Look out for flyer for upcoming Professional Learning Communities
- A. Schiavone, Friends Center –Hosting conversations with Best-buy for October 20th.

Sarah Fabish motioned to adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 4:34 P.M...

Next meeting October 25, 2021

Respectfully Submitted, Cynthia Watson