



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

November 03, 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 share “something that brought joy in the last week?”

October 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the October 06, 2021 Meeting Minutes ***Sarah Fabish/MOVED Eliza Halsey /SECONDED with the following corrections:*** Recommendation #2 Abstentions include Carmelita Valencia-Day; Updates and Announcements Friends Center for Children – Hosting conversations with Beth Bye on November 3rd **Motion Carried. Note Abstentions: B. McArthur, and G. Smith**

Updates and Announcements – J. Heath

- J. Heath (1) Focusing on increasing parent’s voice on the council: identifying parents to join committees; attendees asked to contact D. Tally, City of New Haven with parents' contact information. (2) Rethinking meeting structure i.e. what and how is best way and most convenient for parents to attend council meetings. January 2022 estimated start date for new structure
- S. Witherspoon: working with collaborative members on breast feeding in Connecticut. Information to be forwarded to Denise for sharing with programs. Connecticut Breastfeeding Coalition website <https://www.breastfeedingct.org/laws.html>
- M. Girgis: Main Library (downtown) is opening for class visits; books are available. For more information please contact Margaret Girgis, at Main Library 203-946-8132 or mgirgis@nhfpl.org
- W. Simmons: Professional Development – “NH ChILD Professional Learning Communities (PLC) 2021-22” Registration Link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsomEsQDukgyEmi7JtDeWtf_FVmZPBWMOqCpPjwCPw8CN5sQ/viewform
- A. Schiavone: Met with Beth Bye she discussed issues and concerns around workforce development

- J. Heath – Work is done at the committee level, but the committees need more members. Contact R. McCray for interest or further information.

Honoring Sandy Malmquist – D. Duclos and K. Davis

- Explored honoring (1) Through Literacy; (2) Teacher Appreciation. Discussion resulted in D. Duclos to research which idea/ event is 'liked' most by teachers.

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

- D. Duclos: schools continue to struggle to hire teachers and increase enrollment. Issues highlighted included: programs full to very full or programs under enrolled; of the 32 sites 13 programs are under enrolled. Advocacy Committee to work with Denise, and Randi to draft and send a letter to the legislature highlighting issues in centers.
- **Motion to approve** the request made by the Ad Hoc Waiver Committee for approval of Program Waiver Applications for Friends Center for Children, Lulac Head Start, Montessori School on Edgewood, and St. Andrews Day Care Center. **Eliza Halsey MOVED/ Tamesha Robinson SECONDED MOTION CARRIED. Note Abstentions: L. Wiener, A. Schiavone, K. Davis, and B. McArthur**
 - **Motion to AMENDED** to include the following: all programs in New Haven are to select one of the Presented Options provided by the 'Ad Hoc Waiver Committee' as their program waiver model. **Sherri Killins Stewart MOVED/ Tamesha Robinson SECONDED MOTION CARRIED with the following noted Abstentions: L. Wiener, A. Schiavone, K. Davis, and B. McArthur**

Financial Update (information) – S. Fabish

- Fiscal Year 2021/2022: Overview given, carry over of funding has been approved from collaborative; once the budget for City of New Haven has approved budget funding will be release; Randi, Sarah, and Jennifer continue to work on the budget; once budget is completed it will go to Executive Committee and then represented to NHECC for vote.

Council Operations and Projects (Discussion/Vote) – J. Heath and R. McCray et al.

- City of New Haven Proposed Work (information)
 - Discussion ensued resulting in the following: **Motion to** start the submission process for the Council Operations City of New Haven Grant Proposed Work FY 22 with requested document edits and amendments. **Allyx Schiavon MOVED/ Andrew Myers SECONDED MOTION CARRIED**
- EC Collaborative Grant (information) – Tabled

Meeting Adjourned at 4:37 P.M...

Next meeting December 1, 2021

Respectfully Submitted, Cynthia Watson