Meeting Minutes – NHECC March Council Meeting

**Location:** United Way of Greater New Haven

**Date:** April 4, 2018

**Time:** Called to Order: 3:00 PM | Adjourned: 4:30 PM

## Agenda Items

1. Announcements
2. March Meeting Minutes
3. Guest Presentation: Tammy Robinson and Georgia Goldburn - CERCLE
4. Committee Updates

**Announcements**FHCHC is holding a Circle of Security group for parents. Evelyn will send a flyer to Randi to distribute.

Merrill Gay, president of the Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance will be talking to parents and teachers about how to be an effective advocate for children. Gateway Community College rm S412, April 19th, 4:30-5:30.

ONECITY:

Kim Harris shared the work she has been doing with management teams across the city, to create ONE CITY-60 days of summer. It is a opportunity for organizations and business to highlight what they do, share an activity with New Haven’s families. Businesses are being encouraged to give discounts to families using the ONECITY discount card. There will be more info on the website [www.onecityinitiative.org](http://www.onecityinitiative.org) It will all kick off on June 28th with a family fair at the Field House from 4-8pm

## Georgia Goldburn: CERCLE

CERCLE is a new non profit with 7 ECE centers and family child care providers in a shared services network.

CERCLE researched shared services, including needs of rural providers. All said finding quality teachers was a problem. As a result, they created a Teacher in Residence Program. Is is a 12 month ECE apprentice program. To find candidates—went to Workforce Development and STRIVE and NFN to find women of color who need employment. Including women with disabilities.

Eventually, they want to work with GCC to develop a cohort for them.

Three parts to the program:

Learn, Practice, Perform

Learn-200 hours of professional dev aligned to the CT Core Knowledge and Competencies…

Practice: 384 hours on the job training at NAEYC accredited centers

Perform: Place in full or part-time position as assistant teachers. 640 hours of work assignment

Outputs

1st cohort:

1 ECE 3-credit course

3 of 7 candidates were placed in EC jobs after completing the program

2nd cohort—3 candidates including with 1 with cerebral palsy

## Grants Committee

On March 28th, 30 council and community members met for an orientation to review SR grant applications and conduct site visits. The teams (2 reviewers/grant application) will meet again on April 23rd to share their comments.

The QE grant applications will be reviewed on April 25 and 30. Council members with no QE conflicts are welcome to volunteer. Sue Logston will help.

## Racial Equity Committee

The RE Committee completed a racial equity and diversity training for 25 SR providers and others (2 council members and staff from Harris and Tucker). It was very successful! Kim commented that her staff came back and shared with the rest of the staff what they learned and their enthusiasm

Providers approached Tirzah and Randi about having the training for their staff.

## Zero - 8 Committee

Zero to Eight next meeting is April 26, 3 pm at UW

Randi to send out an announcement to ALL council members and friends.

## Council Initiative Updates

## Week of the Young Child

All council members are invited to attend the April 26th Teacher Appreciation Night at the Children Museum. This event is the Council’s way of saying “thank you” to all the SR teachers for their dedication and hard work. Please come to show your appreciation and meet these wonderful people!