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*All New Haven children, birth through 8 are healthy, safe, thriving in nurturing families*

*and prepared to be successful lifelong learners.*

**NHECC Meeting Notes**

**Wednesday, May 6, 2015**

1. Welcome and Announcements

* Marcy Guddemi announced that Peg Oliviera has been appointed the Deputy Director of Gesell Institute
* Barbara Stern announced that ACES will b having a Age 3 to Grade 3 Symposium on July 22 focused on developmentally appropriate practice in PreK, K and Grade 1
* Project Launch – Christine Montgomery distributed a handout that describes Project LAUNCH, which is a 5-year grant funded project. It is heavy on coordination of services and less so on providing services. There is a requirement to create a Wellness Committee that will be embedded in the NHECC; work will be done to increase parent participation.

1. Approval of April meeting notes - Sarah Fabish made a motion to approve the notes; Christine Montgomery seconded it. The notes were approved unanimously.
2. Financial Report – included in the packet

4. Updates

* WOYC – Sandy Malmquist handed out data about participation and numbers of books and curriculum boxes that were distributed for the last five years. She will provide a more complete report at next month’s meeting.
* Legislative - Gail Ford handed out a document provided by the Early Childhood Alliance that summarized the budget process, provided information about the budgetary proposals that are under consideration and included a To Do list for advocates. Sarah Iverson passed out a VOICES document about revenue proposals for the state budget.
* Promise Zone – A meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 8 from 9 to 11 am at Teach For America. The purpose of the meeting is to look at the themes and the work the NHECC committees have done in the last month and to prioritize the work.

1. Community Assessment – Stanley Bernard facilitated the annual Community Assessment for the Discovery Application.
2. Grants Committee Report (It should be noted that the SR providers left the meeting before this agenda item.)

* SR Grants – Sarah Fabish reported that 22 grant applications were reviewed. A written report summarizing the recommendation for programs and spaces was distributed as well. A new program applied this year but did not meet the standard required. The recommendation is to approve the application for $7,969,320 for 1072 spaces. There are more full day spaces in this year’s grant, but a reduction of the number of actual spaces. Janet Alfano made a motion to accept the recommendation and Kirstin Levinsohn seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.
* QE Grants – Denise distributed a summary of the recommendations made by the Grants Committee, with input from several providers, for the QE Grant for 2016. Xia Feng made a motion to accept the recommendation and Kim Harris seconded that motion; the motion carried unanimously.

**Next NHECC Meeting – Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 3:00**