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

**Notes
Wednesday, November 4th, 2015**

1. Welcome and Announcements - Jennifer Heath announced that the Council was successful in its application for an operating grant from the Community Foundation of Greater New Haven. The award is for $25,000 for two years.
2. An opening activity was introduced to continue the opportunity for NHECC members to get to know one another as individuals.
3. Approval of October meeting notes – Sarah Fabish motioned to approve the notes; Evelyn Flamm seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
4. Updates:
	* Financial Report – The original budget showed $30,000 from the CFGNH grant. Because the award is for $25,000, $5,000 of expenses in the line items for the Director, website & other communications expenditures, and council infrastructure expenditures were shifted to the Discovery column.

The financial report for the year to date show that expenditures are on-track.

* + Infants and Toddler Committee- Janet Alfano distributed a summary of the committee’s work to date. A survey to determine what organizations are doing developmental screenings and following up was sent out to 50 individuals, 23 have responded so far. Friday is the cut-off for the survey. The results will be presented in the December meeting.
	+ Interviews for Director -The interview process is on track with the timeline.
	+ PreK-3 Committee – Executive Function Pilot -There are 5 schools involved in this pilot with 22 teachers (12 pre k and 10 k). The NHPS anticipates continued expansion next year.
	+ PreK-3 Transition Committee – Denise reported that an event is planned next week for PreK and K teachers to talk about the Executive Function pilot.
	+ School Readiness - Denise Duclos provided a handout that lists which programs have open slots. She will email everyone the electronic copy to spread the word. The deadline the fill the seats is the end of November this year. The Grants Committee will make a recommendation if slots need to be moved between programs at the December meeting. Tina Mannarino made a suggestion to advocate for better policies that do hurt families and communities with regard to open slots.
	+ Two Generation Pilot - There is an opportunity for New Haven to become one of the six pilot communities. The RFP will be out in December 1st and will be due February 1st. The funding will be available March 1st. As CT is the first state to have this legislation, we will be closely observed at the federal level.
1. Social Impact Bond Feasibility Study – An informational document about social impact bonds prepared by Janice Grundel was distributed with the meeting materials. Jennifer Heath reviewed the concept that large investment firms put dollars toward an intervention that has been proven to save money on future services. The Mayor wants to explore this type of funding for Universal PreK; 0 to 3 initiatives will be included. In order to apply for this kind of funding a feasibility study is required. An RFP for funding for the feasibility study is due out in December. Janice Grundel has already been working on this, and was paid $3,000 for her work by the United Way. The Operations Committee recommends that $7,500 be used from the current budget (from the line item(s) for projects not yet identified) to pay Janice to write the RFP for funding for the study for New Haven. Christine Montgomery made a motion to use $7,500 to pay Janice for due diligence to protect/secure funds for the work. Janet Alfano seconded it and the motion was carried unanimously.
2. Involving Parents Committee – the recommendations were distributed with the meeting materials and reviewed by Tirzah Kemp and Liz Hammond. Discussion followed and the following changes were made:

Parent is defined as the primary caregiver for a child zero to 8 who lives in New Haven.

The wording for the stipend portion of the recommendation was amended: The Council adopts a stipend protocol to reflect time and efforts of the “parent” that is not compensated by his/her employer for an amount of $50 per month, to appreciate their efforts and participation in at least two meetings.

Dr. Okafor made a motion to accept the revised Involving Parents Committee Recommendation. Christine Montgomery seconded it, and the motion was carried unanimously.

7. Parent/Child Attachment - Jennifer reported that the OEC is interested in the messages about attachment that are being used with families. She will report back to the OEC the programs in the city that work on attachment and the various curricula that are being used with families. The list includes: Clifford Beers, CFAL, NFN, ACES (with teachers). Dr. Okafor suggested that this is a good topic for focus groups with families, to better understand what attachment means to them.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 2, 2015