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

**NHECC Council Meeting Minutes**

Date: July 10, 2019

Location: The United Way of Greater New Haven

Time: Called to Order: 3:03 pm/ Adjourned: 4:26 pm

**Welcome and Introductions**

Dr. Kimber opened the meeting with a welcome and began introductions around the room.

Minutes:

The minutes from June 5, 2019 Council meeting were distributed and reviewed. Denise Duclos made a correction to the SR Council section: “Meetings with SR providers are held on the third Thursday of the month.” Motion to approve minutes was accepted.

Agenda:

Dr. Kimber requested the agenda be emailed to guests and members prior to the next meeting. A vote to accept the agenda was accepted.

School Readiness (SR) Council Project Director Report:

1. Denise announced council member Sandy Malquist is ill and passed out a card for guests and Council members to sign.
2. Coaching Strategy: Denise submitted a proposal to re-issue the Quality Enhancement RFP for on-site education coaching for SR programs in the amount of $51,556.00. The rate is $75-100 per hour. The vote to move forward was accepted.
3. FY 20 List/contact info of SR funded programs: Denise passed out a handout listing the New Haven School Readiness Preschools. On the back of the handout was the projected September enrollment (as of July 9) for 22 of the SR sites. Allyx S. asked how SR was planning to fill the open slots. Mary Derwin estimated 80 SR open slots and 300 Head Start slots were open in New Haven Public Schools. Dr. Kimber announced each site is responsible for their marketing. Elisabeth Teller suggested the Access Committee go to home- visiting sites now that the programs are being revised and include them in the Council. Evelyn Flamm suggested the Access Committee be present at the community health fairs with a friendly presentation for parents along with presenting materials in Spanish as well. Tammy Robinson indicated money is a factor. Dr. Killins urged all committees to include recommendations to get projects completed and to not let money impede the planning process.
4. FY 19 Demographics: A handout was provided. Ally S. asked if the Access Committee is where the advocacy to support programs better lies. Dr. Killins would like to see the data for the targeted programs and what is the percentage based on each targeted program. Dr. Killins stated the issue would be placed on the September’s agenda.
5. New State Legislation Updates: A hand out was provided. The House and Senate both passed a budget package to include:
   1. SR $100 per child/year increase.
   2. Money for background checks through October 1, 2019 [or until funds runs out].
   3. Extending the dates of staff qualifications requirements for early educators to have a BA in every classroom from 2022 to 2029.
6. Denise reported the List of New Haven childcare programs not funded by SR was passed out at the June council meeting

Financial Budget Report

Sarah Fabish announced the City of New Haven will cut a check for last year’s money [$50,000]. The City along with United Way will work on a scope of work for the NHECC for fiscal yr ’19-20. Committees were instructed to submit budgets to be discussed in the Executive Committee meeting in August. Lastly, the monies for the Graustein have not been spent to date.

DataHaven Presentation:

Mark Abraham presented an initial phase community assessment for the NHECC which included quality of life measures. Elisabeth Teller asked about crosswalk data as it relates to the issues. Keith Lawrence will provide the Council with a list of Health Coalitions in New Haven. Evelyn Flamm asked about post-partum data on risk factors and if there was any data collected on families knowing the importance of early childcare. Prenatal slide shown in the presentation indicated parents do not meet [prenatal] benchmarks.

Dr. Kimber and Dr. Killins explained the need to fund canvassing in the 3 neighborhoods in order to create a protocol: Dr. Killins requested each committee to submit a request of 2-5 data points to be included in the Fall assessment protocol. A motion was entered for total ask of $7,200.00 for both phases of the community assessment. The breakdown of $2,200 already expended and $5,000 for the new neighborhood focus. The vote was accepted.

Keith Lawrence added it would add well in the Citywide Expo event for the City Transformation Plan (CTP) scheduled in October 2019. The Expo is intended to provide an update of the accomplishments of CTP, as well as propose new priorities for each of the CTP areas, and get feedback from the communities.

Dr. Killins reiterated for each committee to submit a budget request [to complete projects], data points [for the community assessment], and two/three high priorities.

Committee update

Mary Derwin reported out the Quality Committee will be sending out a survey on Quality Measures asking School Readiness (SR) providers: what screening is used, how are observation conducted, what coaching tools are used, etc.. (Hand-out provided). Dr. Killins suggested the SR providers also be asked, “Are they interested, if they are not currently using any screening tool?” The data collection form was provided as a handout.

Announcements

None

Other Items

None.