*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: June 5, 2019

Location: The United Way of Greater New Haven

Time: Called to Order: 3:06 pm/ Adjourned: 4:28 pm

**Welcome and Introductions**

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

Minutes:

The minutes from May 1, 2019 Council meeting and the minutes from May 15, 2019 Special Council meeting were distributed and reviewed. Tirzah Kemp clarified the announcement on the May 1st minutes regarding Clifford Beers receiving a $25,000 grant. Lyn Weiner began a brief discussion regarding Calvin Hill Daycare allowing all Yale employees to utilize their services. Motion to approve both sets of minutes was approved at 3:12 pm.

School Readiness Project Director Report:

1. Denise reported the meeting with the SR providers occurs the first Wednesday of the month. The utilization report is always a month behind due to the timing of the meeting. FY19 April SR space utilization handout for was provided. Issues presented at the meeting:
* The SR providers see hurdles in reaching the education requirements for staff.
* The new SR program currently has 11 children.
1. Report of OEC May 22 meeting of all State Funded Programs :
* OEC will cover background fee until 6/30/2019 on a first come, first serve basis.
* Lyn Weiner reached out to the New Haven Police Department regarding fingerprinting and is awaiting a response.
* All providers were forwarded information and it was also put on ListServe
1. List of New Haven child care programs not funded by School Readiness (handout,

 Information

New Haven Public School presentation:

Mary Derwin from the New Haven Board Of Education gave a brief presentation and passed out a flyer on the Developmental, Play-Based Summer School. The Summer school is for Pre-K to 3rd grade. There will be 4 days of training with Gesselle Institute and NHPS to co-create a model. They want to develop a framework for lesson planning for teachers and families to buy-in. The 4 days will consist of 2 days of formal observation and 2 days of framework lessons. At the end of each day of training, debriefing will occur and Gesselle Institute will formulate the data. The Summer school will have up to 195 students, 2 classrooms per grade and students must be already enrolled. The Summer school is currently recruiting highly qualified teachers. The teacher selection is on a first come, first serve basis. To date, not a lot of teachers have applied. 504 and IEP students will be eligible for the summer school. Spanish teachers will be provided per grade. No bus services for inter-district students but inter-district students are eligible if parents can provide transportation. Lastly, all principals were notified to share the information (via flyers) in their schools. Flyers for the Summer school were also put on ParentLink.

Financial Report

The Council budget from United Way was provided as a handout. Dr. Kimber informed the Council, a meeting with United Way would be planned to get a better understanding of the budget format before the next council meeting.

Committee discussion

All 3 committees were instructed to gather their members for 30 minutes and report back at the end of the meeting, the list of priority strategies.

* Family Partnership Committee:
1. Collaborate with Project Launch to host Partnering with Parents Training.
2. Design, develop, and implement strategies to engage families in identifying and addressing their needs (Community Listening Sessions).
3. Planning for summer enrollment in early childhood activities.
* Quality Committee:
	1. Explore and review multiple methods to measure classroom quality.
	2. Report from the education consultant from multiple program types, Head Start, School Readiness, etc. on program quality in aggregate based on standardized tool.
	3. Professional development calendar 2019-2020.
* Access Committee:
	1. Enrollment update and plans for enrollment through summer with goals of full enrollment on September.
	2. Focus on development of a targeted plan to increase access and marketing including participation in City Wide Expo and strategy to update web and mobile presence to best support access and marketing.
	3. Develop plan for new providers in low opportunity communities for engagement in School Readiness.

Announcements

* New Haven Free Public Library is having Summer Learning from June 3 – August 30 for ages 0-18 years at all 5 branches. The program offers earning points for reading to win prizes.
* Kim Harris announced next month the One City App Kiddieland will be launched. The App will allow posts by neighborhood announcing activities and it will be mobile accessible.
* New Haven Board of Education registration for Early Childhood for the district is located at 54 Meadow Street from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm and parking is $2.00 per hour.

Other Items

Allyx S. asked about funds for 49 slots.