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

 *and prepared to be successful lifelong learners.*

Priority # 3 Infants and Toddlers

December 10, 2014

Notes

Attendance: Janet Alfano, Bob Windom, Cristina Nelson, Evelyn Flamm, Marilyn Calderone (CT Parent Power), Gail

* Selecting a name for our committee – Infants and Toddlers
* Developing the Action Plan – A draft was developed, with three strategies that include brining home visitor programs together, bringing pediatricians as well as other health care providers, together, and developing a publication that communicates important developmental milestones to families of children 0 to 3. The draft Action Plan is a separate document.
* There was discussion about a possible 4th strategy to address access to quality infant and toddler care, and what the need is in New Haven. It was noted that cost is a barrier for families. It was decided that this is not something that we can undertake.
* It was decided that it is important to advocate on the two issues below.
	1. Make applications and verification for Care4Kids more user friendly to families (so that they are encouraged to apply). We can do this in connection with the CT Early Childhood Alliance.
	2. Create a QRIS system that is inclusive of centers and family child cares with incentives for providers to participate.
* There was also discussion about how pediatricians can be trained to know what good quality child care looks like so they can coach parents. It was decided that this might not be something we can do.