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

**NHECC Operations Committee Minutes**

March 20, 2017

Time: 3:00-5:00 pm

United Way of Greater New Haven

Attendance: Jayne, Sarah, Denise, Tirzah, Sadie, Randi, Elisabeth, Dr. Rev. Bosie Kimber

**Meeting Agenda**

Rev Kimber made a motion to adopt the agenda with the following modifications.

* FY18 Budget Plan and a timeline
* National League of Cities
* Director’s Position
* Review of the Minutes from Previous meeting

Motion to adopt modified agenda was carried.

**Questions Raised**

A question was raised as to Debbie’s presence and Jayne shared that she didn’t feel Debbie’s presence was needed for this meeting agenda. She added that a separate meeting can take place to have a different discussion.

Dr Kimber shared that many of the outstanding issues raised during the first meeting with Debbie will be addressed by the By-Laws Committee.

Sarah shared that the intent of Debbie's role was to be instructive and guide us to reach a consensus on the items the Operations Committee had not been able to address over the last several meetings.

Elisabeth expressed that she was concerned that Debbie wasn’t present and there was no communication prior to today’s meeting of this change.

**Recommendations/Agreements**

Dr. Kimber suggested that the Chair and Debbie meet and decide on an agenda to discuss for the next meeting.

Denise recommended that Jayne and Debbie come to next ops meeting and this motion was seconded by Elisabeth

Vision and goals will go in the By-laws

By laws will not be ready by April

May meeting produce first draft of the by-laws

**Committee Updates**

**Grants Committee**

School Readiness Grant FY17/18

Sarah expressed that the timeline is aggressive but the grant was just released by the OEC. The late release does not provide a great deal of time to go through the entire process.

Denise shared the SR grant timeframe (handout)

Total SR - grant - $ 8.2 million, 30,000 cut to grant

Denise made a request to move Council meeting to May 10th for voting on SR grants (agreed)

QE grant has been cut to 81,000

The QE grant solicits RFPs to assist programs in improving the quality of care and education.

**Past Grant Recipients**

Clifford beers - mental health

Education consultations

Aces - on-site consultation special Ed, workshops, prof develop

ECRC- prof development

Other workshops

Awards are based on resources available and which issues are most important and should receive priority.

Notifications about the grant is sent to Early childhood listserv, standing grants committee, SR providers

**Racial Equity Committee**

A Follow up session with Niyonu is being planned. The committee is exploring training for early childcare for council members

The committee would like to provide training to providers who receive SR funds as a condition of their grant award. All committees should have racial equity in their work

**PreK Enrollment -**

Elisa notified Jayne that she will not be continuing in the role as chair of the committee.

**Infant/Toddler -**

Elisabeth shared that a draft of the one pager will be available for the next meeting.