



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

**NHECC February 05, 2020
Meeting Minutes
United Way of Greater New Haven
3:00 - 4:30 PM**

Welcome and Introductions

Dr Kimber called the meeting to order and started the round of introductions at 3:00 PM.

January 2020 Meeting Minutes

Minutes from January 8, 2020 Council meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

School Readiness Project Director Report:

- OEC Response regarding transfer of spaces - Spaces in which programs requested additional spaces and did not meet the QSM requirements -- were denied. The additional spaces will be moved to other programs.
- OEC Response to Catholic Charities Request - OEC denied the request to carry over parent fees. Executive committee is preparing a response to request a hearing on the matter.
- SR and QE Grant Cycle

Financial Budget report

City of New Haven update - Sarah and Rand explained that the funds for the first quarter drawdown have been submitted for payment. Payment terms are within 45 days. The current budget was provided as a handout. There was a question regarding the Week of the Young Child Request. It was reported that Sandy withdrew her request, citing that she didn't want the committees to expend the small amount of funds they had.

CT Early Childhood Funder Collaborative Grant

The Council received an opportunity to submit a grant for up to \$30,000 of funding from the Early Childhood Funders Collaborative. Randi prepared a draft that has been reviewed and revised by the Executive committee. The grant is due for submission by February 7, 2020. Randi explained that funds can either go towards general operating costs or a shelf ready project. The application response covers both areas and will focus on moving the neighborhood canvass project along. If NHECC receives the funding, all grant dollars have to be spent by June 30, 2020. An RFP for a full year of funding will be available in July 2020.

NHECC Staffing

The Executive committee will suspend the Council Director search until the Council establishes which funding will be available for the upcoming year. In the interim, Randi will continue to coordinate the meetings and execute the neighborhood canvass project.

NHECC Council Membership

Dr. Stewart and Dr. Kimber are working with the Superintendent to get the current members reappointed. Evelyn Flamm expressed interest in being added to the membership slate. Her name will be provided with the list of recommendations for appointment.

Week of the Young Child

There was discussion about how the Council can participate in Week of the Young Child to support the efforts of Little Read. Many ideas were shared and it was recommended that The Council would spend more time discussing options during the March meeting.

Committee Updates

Quality committee discussed ideas for professional development and possibly connecting all the pd opportunities. The plan is to use feedback from the consultants to determine future offerings and respond to the expressed needs of programs.

Access discussed how to get full enrollment in programs by September 1. To achieve this goal, a plan would be developed to support recruitment for providers in low opportunity neighborhoods. There was a proposal from CERCLE submitted that would support long term goals for helping programs meet QSM requirements. The committee may consider a more immediate opportunity to achieve some goals that increase access to families.

Announcements

Karen Dubois - There are waitlist openings for Elm City Communities. Applicants go into a lottery and get assigned a number for the waitlist. They can go online to get the applications.

Eliza - ECMS is door knocking on Valley Street on February 15th and February 28th. The goal is to encourage families to apply for the magnet lottery.

Karen Dubois Walten was appointed by Gov Ned Lamont to the State Board of Education.

March 2, 2020 is the deadline to apply for magnet school enrollment. If families miss the deadline, their child will get placed. Interested programs can get program booklets from Mary Derwin. All materials are available in English and Spanish.

Census still has openings. Dr. Kimber held an open house at his church. 75-80 people attended and applied using laptops provided.

Karen offered support in properties managed by Elm City Communities.

Youth At Work applications are due at the beginning of April. Training will be held at Harris and Tucker to assist applicants. There is a small amount of funding available for applicants who are over income.

Kim Harris - Inspiring Communities are working on several initiatives for the Newhallville community. Newhallville TV will deliver information on events and programs for families. It will also provide a calendar of events that is centralized. The plan is to have the broadcast visible in high impact areas in Newhallville. Anyone interested in listing events or other announcements, should contact Kim Harris.