**New Haven Early Childhood Council**

**Quality Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Thursday, June 18, 2020

**Time:** 3:00-5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Virtual Zoom meeting

**Attendees-Mary Derwin, Wendy Simmons, Sandy Malmquist, Pam Augustine Jefferson, Carmelita Valencia Day, Randi McCray, Denise Duclos**

**Announcement**: Randi secured a grant from CFGNH for shared services-$40k to launch shared services, and purchases of PPE, cleaning supplies. Additionally, PPE donated by YNHH and thermometers from New Haven Emergency Operations and those purchased with QE funds will be available for providers.

**WEBINARS AND PD:**

* To date there have been 2 City webinars. They should be posted to the ECRC Website and the NHECC website.
* ECRC: has web meetings and PowerPoints that can be viewed and posted on the NHECC website.
* Barbara Stern received info from Peg Olivera about costs for prerecorded webinars and new webinars: Prerecorded recordings include the topic *Caring for the Caregiver* and others. $50 to repost for a short period of time. For new webinars: $500 and could also be reposted for a period of time. Topics can include “Interactive remote instruction”—what was good not to lose
* Other PD topics discussed by the committee:
* Structural Racism is another topic discusses. Should this work be embedded in all the QE committee’s work. Possible speakers: Dr. Maysa Akbar, Randi/Tirzah, Martha Dye. Use presenters who representative of the audience Committee discussed whether Structural Racism-is a topic that should be brought to the Council?

**NEXT STEPS**:

* Committee needs to decide on what other PD we sponsor. Discuss strategies we want to use, the topics we want to cover.
* Bring the topic of Structural Racism to the next exec and council meetings to see if the full council wants to participate in in the discussion and possibly the full council would want to have facilitated discussions about this.

**QE Grant, work of the Education Consultants:**

Draft Scope of Service was reviewed by the committee. Suggested changes included language to reflect the distance learning and virtual meetings with teachers. The amount of funds available for the consultants is approximately $56,000. At the rate of $75/hour and based on 40 weeks, each consultant can work on average, 9 hours/week.

**NEXT STEPS:**

* Denise will make the suggested changes to the Scope of Service for the consultants and send out to the committee to review.

**NHPS PreK to Grade 3 Play-based Learning Initiative**

Want to include community input and all stakeholders.

**NEXT STEPS:**

* NHECC will determine priorities for upcoming year and determine how various EC community groups work collaboratively
* Wendy, Mary and Pam will bring back a description of the NHPS PreK to Grade 3 and the mission/goals/work of the PreK to Grade 3 Advisory Committee.

**Future Meetings:**

Committee will continue to meet through July as previously scheduled. Some have conflicts with the Thursday 3pm time. A doodle poll will be sent out to determine other dates for Sept-June.