



*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**

Time: 3:00 - 4:30

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Conference

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### **Minutes from June , 2020 Council meeting**

Minutes approved

### **School Readiness Project Director's Report**

Documents provided in advance. Denise highlighted program utilization and the supports OEC have provided during the pandemic.

### **Equity for E-Learning Coalition Op-Ed**

Focused on k-12. We should review to ensure content aligns with mission and vision. Jennifer and Randi will review in detail to identify how the Council should move forward. Jennifer will also recommend inclusion of language and support for families.

### **Disbursement of SR Funds via Fiduciary**

Significant delay from OEC, to BOE, and then to programs. Causes a hardship for programs for operating funds. Allyx requested that the Council explore how this can be addressed. Delay happens in the summer due to BOE shutting down the processing system. Payments get received when they reopen in a lump sum. OEC provided funds upfront to cities, but payments are not being sent to programs.

Jennifer will reach out to CFO at the Board of Education to address this further and explore other options. Specifically, payments made within a week and moved to an electronic payments system.

### **NHECC Membership**

All members whose terms were set to expire have been renewed to ensure continuity.

### **The Year in Review and Planning Ahead/NHECC Council Priorities FY21 -**

Randi Presented what the Council achieved during the year. Additionally, the results of the pre-meeting survey highlighted what respondents believe should be NHECC's FY21 goals. The presentation is available via the website. In addition to what was shared, there was an agreement to address equity in Early childhood throughout all goal areas.

Suggestions were made to ensure the learning continues for educators. Materials can be curated and provided to programs. We want to ensure that we are mindful of avoiding harm. The Council should consider focusing on distribution of resources with an equitable lens. Additionally, we should consider how we support the work taking place in individual programs.

**Finance/Budget Report (information) -**

City funds expended. Drawdown requests are completed from City FY20. We will need to do another contract for FY21. EC grant has been extended to August 15. Randi will be doing another outreach event to connect with families. Received the COVID grant from CFGNH and UW to support PPE supplies and reopening mini-grants to EC programs in New Haven.