



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

October 7, 2020

Time: 3:00 - 4:30

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Conference

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Meeting Minutes

July and September Meeting Minutes Approved

School Readiness Updates

- Denise shared updates on enrollment and open spaces
- Lulac has been closed due to COVID-19 outbreak
- Process is on track to select a consultant to provide grant writing support for SR RFP
- Programs will need to indicate if they meet the staffing requirements to apply. OEC has strict guidelines on this requirement.
- Discussion on holding a vote on space allocation not previously listed on the agenda. Clerical error noted. All members agreed to hold the vote so that families waiting for a space could enroll immediately. And the issue was carried over from the previous Council meeting.

Motion Made Darrah Snipe

2nd: Dr. Wendy Simmons

To approve allocation of 5 spaces to Friends Center for Children

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Announcements

- NhCHiLD will host its second Professional Learning Community. Flyers will be sent electronically to Council email. Share with professional and family networks.

Budget review and Financial Update

- End of the year report was presented with the caveat that UW financial team is still gathering money potentially spent by committee. Funds that are carried over should be spent in the upcoming year.

Discussion: School Readiness Resource Allocation

- Guidelines for the use of funds were presented. Participants engaged in a brief discussion which identified the following priorities;
 - Split funds between families and systems
 - Common app
 - Resource network
 - CDA (Elm City Communities and NhCHiLD) create hubs of childcare for families
 - Invest in manipulatives
 - Help parents navigate multiple pathways
 - Parent fees

A smaller group of Council members will meet as an adhoc committee to develop a structured proposal for the November Council meeting.

Council Staffing (discussion/vote)

- The Council will hire a part-time administrative support person and continue to utilize the consultant for Council projects.

Next Council Meeting – November 4, 2020

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

United Way of Greater New Haven

370 James Street, New Haven, CT, Suite 403

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