



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

September 2, 2020

Time: 3:00 - 4:30

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Conference

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Minutes from July 8, 2020 Council meeting

Minutes weren't provided in advance. The minutes will be approved in September.

NHECC Updates

Randi reported on the outreach to families which was supported with the EC collaborative grant. The grant ended on August 15th. All funds were expended. We did reach our target goal of 200 families. Families were compensated for completing the survey. We now have all of their names, cell phone numbers and ages of their children in a database. The database was used to reach out to them this past week to participate in the marketing focus group. Books and bags were distributed at community events where we were social distancing in physical form.

Randi, Dr. Simmons, and Barbara Stern have been distributing PPE supplies to EC centers in New Haven. Randi submitted an additional order of items indicated as high need by programs. The items will be arriving Friday. Programs will be sent a form to make requests. Items are stored at 85 Willow Street. PPE will be delivered to programs by Randi, Wendy and Barbara.

Jennifer reported that the School Readiness grant dollars payments have been streamlined. Electronic payments and check pick up were requested for additional options to be explored.

School Readiness Items for Council Vote

1. School Readiness September to June grant application waiver (page 2)

Request the Council vote to approve the Waiver to reduce Full Day services to 41 weeks and School Day/Part Day services to 177 days. The hours/day for Full Day and School Day are more flexible, allowing time for programs to daily clean and sanitize.

Motion approved. OEC has already approved the waiver to programs. However, local councils were still required to hold a formal discussion and vote.

2. Process to re-allocate \$160,632 in SR funds. Funds available due to closure of United Community

Request the Council vote to:

- A. Approve additional SR spaces requested by current SR providers, based on the current Council priorities for allocating SR spaces. (See page 3 for program list) Current priorities are: full day spaces, serving families from under-resourced neighborhoods.

Motion approved with amendment that programs have to fill the spaces within 30 days.

- B. Approve the issuance of a SR RFP to non-funded New Haven preschool programs using the criteria outlined in the OEC's "FY21 September 2020 to June 2021 SR Guidance". Will require issuance of a Public Notice

Motion approved by majority vote.

3. Hire a consultant to support new programs applying for SR September to June grant funding. (see page 4 for Scope of Service) .Request Council vote to set aside up to \$7,000 and issue an RFP to seek out a consultant who can help potential SR program complete the grant application. Hiring is conditional and based on: council approval to seek new SR programs and there are new programs who are eligible and interested in completing an application

Motion approved by majority vote.

NHECC Co-Chair and Committee Chairs Call for Nominations

Jennifer announced that the Council is seeking co-chairs for the Quality and Family committee. The council will also like to offer three names for the Mayor for consideration of a co-chair appointment. Anyone interested can contact Randi and/or Jennifer.

Request: Allocate \$10,000 of unrestricted budget dollars to support canvassing neighborhoods to market SR programs. Randi will recruit local neighborhood residents to assist with marketing open SR spaces in neighborhoods with low access and low enrollment. Denise will provide Randi with the list of open programs. Randi will get the materials printed and coordinate the project.

Request approved by majority vote.