

NHECC Executive Committee Meeting
Via Zoom
January 25, 2021

Present: Sherri Killins Stewart, Chair Family Partnership Committee; Eliza Halsey, Chair of Access Committee; Wendy Simmons, Chair Quality Committee; Randi McCray, Director NHECC; Denise Duclos, School Readiness Director and Grant Manager; Sarah Fabish, Chair of Finance and Budget; Cynthia Watson, NHECC Admin

Called to Order: Sherri Killins Stewart, Chair Family Partnership

Start Time: 3:06 PM

Welcome: Sherri Killins Stewart welcomed attendees

Approval Meeting Minutes for January 2021. ***Motion to Accept January 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes with the following changes:*** *Randi McCray title is Director NHECC; Heading titled Program Closure, first bullet point strikeout Chair of ???, second bullet point “Jennifer Heath to contact Omena McCoy for feedback.”; Heading titled Announcements, second bullet point third paragraph “W. Simmons will consult with Alice Rosenthal from Center for Children's Advocacy, if needed.”* ***Wendy Simmons/MOVED Eliza Halsey/SECONDED Motion Carried.***

School Readiness Updates by D. Duclos

- Reporting on January 2021 results at the February 2021 meeting may be delayed as the arrival date of the January 2021 data is unknown at the writing of these minutes.
- COVID case are increasing resulting in center closings
- Contact Tracing Protocol: S. Witherspoon indicated that she will consult with Brian Weeks, Epidemiologist, CoNH concerning the issue. Additionally, a cheat sheet on COVID issues around quarantine is being developed.
- Kindergarten registration – virtual registration has begun. A discussion ensued on ensuring cross marketing and next steps with NHECC involvement.

Announcement

- S. Killins Stewart – received information on ‘baby bonds’ modeled after ‘Senator Cory Booker's "Baby Bonds" Plan’ for more information
<https://www.booker.senate.gov/news/press/booker-pressley-urge-biden-administration-to-include-baby-bonds-in-the-next-economic-recovery-package>

NHECC Goals

- Results of R. McCray/J. Heath meeting – attendees and committees at this meeting are asked to do the following by the next meeting: start thinking of ‘topics’ which may contribute to grant applications.
- Recommendation from this group as it relates to committee’s contributing to NHECC Goals – form a ‘new’ committee that deal specifically with financial concerns. Specially the recommendation to NHECC, to intentionally develop goals around financial childcare; further, it was recommended that this is done at the NHECC Executive

Committee level. Lastly consideration should be given to such concerns as workforce compensation, COVID, and inequitable impact on families. This recommendation is to be brought up at the next NHECC Meeting.

- Also raised – the lack of immunization is a financial issue and advocacy for early childhood workers.

NHECC Financials

- R. McCray indicated that contracts are in process, this includes the draw down from CoNH

February Council Meeting Discussion

- Based on the brainstorming session at the January 13, 2021 NHECC Meeting, a survey will be created for feedback to assist with next steps.
- Recommendation – “... form a ‘new’ committee that deals specifically with financial concerns' ' see topic above under heading NHECC Goals for details.

Committee Updates

- Family Partnership, Chair S. Killins Stewart, no committee updates at this time
- Access, Chair E. Halsey, committee is meeting this Wednesday the 27th
- Quality, Chair W. Simmons, working on priority program goals; focus on supporting continuity of quality when a program closes; basic need items for programs.

Project Updates by R. McCay

- Reached out to Latrice Allen-Frasier, CoNH to join NHECC
- Collaborative grants – researching opportunities for the year
- CAHS possible partnership NHECC

MOTION to Adjourn Wendy Simmons MOVED/Eliza Halsey SECONDED

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Watson, Secretary Pro-Tem