



All New Haven children, birth through 8 are healthy, safe, thriving in nurturing families and prepared to be successful lifelong learners.

**NHECC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting**

March 22, 2021 * Time: 3:03-4:45 pm

Present – Jennifer Heath; Randy McCray; Denise Duclos; Eliza Halsey; Wendy Simmons; Sarah Fabish; Cynthia Watson

Welcome – Attendees Welcomed.

School Readiness (SR) Updates – Denise Duclos

- D. Duclos – working on SR FY’22 – grant applications due April 2, 2021; collaborating with Sheryl Sadinsky on the submission of Local SR RFP Basic Requirement Checklist; NAEYC Accreditation has been delayed due to COVID-19.
- QE funds – ‘new’ – May 5th the NHECC votes on Review Committee Recommendation; ‘current’ – amendment was made; returning some of the funds to be used to purchase program materials. Reminder request for assistance in this process will be sent.
 - Per J. Heath – (1) new rubric should start in June 2021 for 2022; (2) include request for budget; April Council Meeting: list needs to be prioritize, and recommendation from Executive Committee is needed.

Announcement (Information)

- D. Duclos – Funding to be received from CCSRA, and new funding expected from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Budget review and Financial Update – Sarah Fabish, and Randi McCray

- R. McCray – sharing budget quarterly
- S. Fabish – lag in spending, this needs to be highlighted so that action can be taken accordingly, raise alerts early to manage effectively.
- S. Fabish – recommendation: quarterly budget year-to-date, complete budget for January to March for May 2021 meeting.

Equity in Early Childhood / Next Steps – Randi McCray

- Received feedback from NHECC Committees on current strategies –
 - Quality (W. Simmons) – defined quality; measurements/indicators quality; support to programs; RFP's; review budget for resources allocation ... set goals through 2022 with an equity lens.
 - Family Partnership (S. Killins Stewart) – Helping program partner with families; how they service families through sharing data with families and partners
 - Access (E. Halsey) – N/A next meeting March 24th 2021 will report out thereafter.

April Council Meeting

- Should Equity from leased equipment be discussed
- Ask Merrill Gay, ED Early Childhood Alliance to attend NHECC April Meeting
- Extend meeting in June to talk about council structure; consider retreat and outside facilitation
- Discuss current SR Programs and New Programs

Committee Updates –

- Discussed under previous headings

NHECC Project Updates – Randi McCray

- Discussed under previous headings

Meeting Adjourned at 4:45PM

Respectfully Submitted, Cynthia Watson, Secretary Pro-Tem

Next Meeting April 26, 2021 at 3:00PM