



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

NHEC Council Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting

March 3, 2021

Time: 5:00-6:30 pm

Welcome – Attendees welcomed.

School Readiness (SR) Updates – Denise Duclos

- Providers to receive full amounts in March; drop in number of COVID-19 cases.
- FY '22 received a grant application from the State of Connecticut it is due back 5/16/2021. D. Duclos request five people to assist with grant application; return date to council by 5/5/2021; anyone interested to reach out by 5/15/2021

Announcement (Information)

- Sherri Killins Stewart – if anyone knows of families who are having difficulty connecting / engaging for healthcare services, please contact her.

Budget review and Financial Update – Randi McCray

- (1) Funds used for parent stipends and consultants; (2) RFP for OEC in process; council updated as more information becomes available.

Early Childhood Expo – Eliza Halsey

- Gave Overview. Update – decision made to shift from the ‘title EXPO’ to ‘Engage Families,’ to facilitate connecting to programs and resources.

Committee Updates –

- Access Committee, Eliza Halsey – indicated that ‘Engage with Families’ is committee priority
- Family Partnership Committee, Sherri Killins Stewart – (1) needs board assistance & feedback; (2) increased stipend for parents; (3) kindergarten transition enrollment is up
- Quality Committee, Denise Duclos – (1) 3/8/2021 next committee meeting; (2) putting together COVID-19 Response Activity kits; (3) assessing quality of programs.

Discussion Topic: Supporting Families in New Haven: (Discussion)

- Regular meeting 'closed' for transition to 'discussion' forum. All attendees went into self-identified virtual rooms to discuss the topic. At reconvening individuals (parents & council) reported out on the conversation and information shared as well as their experience and comfort level in sharing virtual on the topic.

Motion to Adjourn ***Karen DuBois-Walton /MOVED Omena McCoy/SECONDED Motion Carried.***

Meeting Adjourn at 6:18 PM.

Next Meeting March 22, 2021 at 3:00 P.M.