



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

Virtual Meeting

April 7, 2021

Time: 3:00-4:30 pm

Welcome – Attendees welcome and overview of agenda.

School Readiness (SR) Updates – Denise Duclos

- Enrollment is the same i.e. 60%-65% of COVID capacity.
- State of Connecticut update – beginning April, 2021 SR Providers to be paid based on class room equivalent.
- Recommendation 1. – Vote to amend the contract with the consultant supporting 3 New Haven programs to complete their applications for FY22 School Readiness funding. The amended contract would include an additional 15 hours @ \$75/hour (\$1,125) and extend the contract through June 30. Original Contract: November 9, 2020 to January 30, 2021. Amount: \$5,000; Total amended contract: \$6,125; Funding Source: New Haven Early Childhood Council funds. **MOTION to amended contract would include an additional 15 hours @ \$75/hour (\$1,125) and extend the contract through June 30, 2021. Allyx Schiavone MOVED/ Wendy Simmons SECONDED Motion Carried.**
- Recommendation 2. – Vote to amend the current “Selection Criteria for Allocating School Readiness Spaces.” When approving Annual SR Space Allocations, the Council will use the criteria for “Current SR Programs: and “New Programs” as approved by the Council 2-19-14 with a **MOTION to amend with additional criteria . Eliza Halsey MOVED/Galit Sharma SECONDED Motion Carried.**

Guest Speaker – Merrill Gay, ED CT Early Childhood Alliance

- Overview of presentation included: COVID-19 relief; two bills to be introduced to legislature; advocate to legislature for funds for staff; 4/14/2021 Advocacy Day – parents and providers encouraged to attend; campaigning for Universal Childcare; national grant due end of April 2021 – this is a planning grant for proposals.

Budget review and Financial Update – Randi McCray

- (1) Working on Early Childhood funding RFP got released, is due on May 5th; draft going out to google doc's – please follow link, feedback is welcomed; (2) marketing ad running on WYBC five times a day for upcoming NHECC – Engage with Families event.

Committee Updates –

- Access Committee, Eliza Halsey – (1) met with Family Partnership Cmte today (4/7/2021); planning a series of opportunities to meet, share and receive feedback from families – all will help inform work. (2) April 28th session helps families learn more about early childhood education opportunities. (3) Marketing promotion on WYBC on going; NHECC members are asked to help with promoting this upcoming series event.
- Family Partnership Committee, Randi McCray for Sherri Killins Stewart - committee working with Access on virtual cafe with families.
- Quality Committee, Wendy Simmons – will email update

Other:

- Due to time constraints attendees were asked to forward remaining updates to R. McCray.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:34 PM.

Next Meeting May 5th, 2021 at 3:00