



*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**

May 11, 2021

Time: 3:00-4:30 pm

**Welcome / Agenda – Attendees welcome and overview of agenda given.**

**Announcements – N/A**

### **Guest Speaker – Seth Pool, Director Systems of Care; Clifford Beers Guidance Clinic (CBC)**

- Presentation ‘Integrated Care for Kids’ overview: Center for Medical Studies released RFP to ‘reduce the cost of spending on families who receive Medicaid;’ CBC selected for seven-year award; currently in first of two year planning, partnership and outreach phase; this award continues previous award.
- This award was rebranded from ‘Integrated Care for Kids’ to ‘Embrace New Haven.’
- Challenges: COVID-19 restricted outreach to population as well as planning and partnership outreach initiatives
- “Doing together what we cannot do apart”: align with New Haven services to meet the needs of the families. Staff in place, Community Health Organizers; they are conduit and accountability agents; are not direct service providers.
- System of Care and Aims: System – recipients eligible/receiving Medicaid or CHIP, age 0-21, pregnant or postpartum, resident in one of New Haven zip codes; Aim – strive for health equity, empower families, improve the health & well-being of children and youth, support prevention, reduce cost.
- Please contact Seth Poole for partnership interest or further information.

**Financial Update – N/A**

### **Committee Updates –**

- Quality Committee, Wendy Simmons – met to review recommendations for QE Funding
- Access Committee, Eliza Halsey / Randi McCray – E. Halsey: Family outreach event, April 28<sup>th</sup> had low attendance, re-evaluating time and process for next steps. R. McCray:

exploring 'going-out' to speak/outreach to the community on enrollment needs, issues and concerns.

- Lynn Wiener, Yale NHH Day Care Center – center is moving from Saint Raphael Campus to 501 George Street, New Haven 06511
- Denise Duclos – Farnam Nursery School to become part of Clifford Beers Guidance Clinic, July 1, 2021 is the anticipated date of merger

### **School Readiness Updates and Activities – Vote on Recommendations**

- Recommendation 1. – Vote to approve Proposed FY22 Quality Enhancement Applicants for Quality Enhancement Funds of \$81,356. Applicants/Funds: Children's Museum \$26,356; Michelle DellaCamera \$15,000; Sophy Abreu \$15,000; Sheryl Sadinsky \$15,000; Clifford Beers \$10,000. **MOTION to approve proposed Quality Enhancement Applicants for Quality Enhancement Funds in the amount of \$81,356. Eliza Halsey MOVED/ Galit Sharma SECONDED Motion Carried.** The motion passed with 3 votes in favor and 0 against and 2 abstentions.

#### **Roll call vote:**

- **Moore Evans-Aye; Fabish-Aye; Simmons-Aye**
  - **o-No**
  - **Teller-abstain due to conflict of interest; Wiener-abstain due to conflict of interest**
  - **The motion passed.**
- Recommendation 2. – Vote to approve Proposed FY21 School Readiness Space Allocation. **MOTION to approve School Readiness Space Allocation Funds for FY21. Sarah Fabish MOVED/Eliza Halsey SECONDED Motion Carried.** The motion passed with 4 votes in favor and 0 against and 3 abstentions. **Roll call vote:**
    - **Moore Evans-Aye; Duclos-Aye; Halsey-Aye; Simmons-Aye**
    - **o-No**
    - **Teller-abstain due to conflict of interest; S. Taddi-abstain due to conflict of interest; Wiener-abstain due to conflict of interest**
    - **The motion passed**

#### **Other:**

- J. Heath – (1) OEC has 'Stabilization Funds' to help licensed family childcare agencies and center based programs; materials are available; use the online calculator to find out program eligibility. (2) Early Childhood Advocacy reminder – flyer, sent by Randi, has QR Code for 'key' State of CT Legislature – please send your message to state representative.

**Wendy Simmons MOVED/ Galit Sharma SECONDED Motion Carried. Motion Carried** Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cynthia Watson, Secretary Pro-Tem

Next Meeting June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at 3:00