



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**

June 02, 2021

Time: 3:00-4:30 pm

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

### **May 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes with the following correction: “Recommendation 2. Duclos-abstain due to conflict of interest.” **Elizabeth Teller/MOVED Lynn Wiener/SECONDED Motion Carried.**

### **Announcements**

- Kudos given to Allyx Schiavone and staff of The Friends Center for Children – for the work on housing center staffers. See article “Early-Ed Center Offers Teachers Housing” in the NHI
- Kudos given to Eliza Halsey and staff of Elm City Montessori – for the work on their BLM walk. See article “Elm City Montessori Students Protest Police Brutality” in the NHI

### **Presentation – Genese Clark, NHChILD Program Manager for ECE Access**

- Presentation highlighted NHChILD Approach to ‘access’ and ‘quality.’ Early Childhood Resource Network’s Phase 1 and Phase 2
- Phase 1 Expected to Launch in Sept. 2021 – Common Application and ECE Professional Portal; both describe types of services, the current process and ideal future process
- Phase 2 – Auxiliary Services a description of types of services, current enrollment process and ideal future process
- Other points covered in the presentation included: Development Stages, Where Are We Know, and Next Steps
- please contact Ms. Clark for further information or feedback on her presentation

### **NHECC Operations/Project Update – Randi McCray**

The EC Collaborative Grant came through. The grant is centered on family outreach and engagement. There are opportunities to connect with families in the Dixwell area.

OEC is recruiting for their Parent Cabinet.

### **Early Childhood Readiness Advocacy – Denise Duclos and Randi McCray**

- Randi & Denise urge attendees to contact legislature – concerning early childhood education, email sent last week, there still opportunities to have our voices heard.
- New Haven Programs have signed-up for stabilization funds.

### **School Readiness – Denise Duclos**

- The State of Connecticut has increased funds; amount of funding and what can be done is TBD at this time. Once received the ‘Council’ will determine how programs will be supported. Council members should look for email links online for more information.
  - Allyx Schiavone requested creation of a committee on fiduciary responsibility as it relates to providing re-payments to providers. S. Fabish expressed interest in the idea of the group; E. Halsey – yes to working in a group. Others interested in ideas or work groups should contact R. McCray or J. Heath.

### **Committee Updates –**

- Access Committee, Eliza Halsey – Reviewing and updating goals; planning work around families. Three information sessions on the calendar, all providers are invited.
- Family Partnership, Sherri Killins – (1) Grant to be re-tooled to address the following: how to hire people to build ongoing relationship. (2) Committee is working with D. Duclos on packaging kits. ; (3) Family partnership with Elm City Communities on co-designing partnership with families in ‘Elm City Communities.’ (4) Working on a proposal to bring people to the library to create a footprint.
- Quality Committee, Wendy Simmons – Efforts to get the kits to families almost finished, had great help in the effort. Anticipate handing out kits during June as well.

### **Other –**

New Attendee/Service Provider - Suji Herne, The Family Therapy Clinic, can be reached at 203-392-6413 or hernes1@southernct.edu to answer any questions you might have about The Family Therapy Clinic.

**Sadie Witherspoon MOVED/ Sarah Fabish SECONDED Motion Carried. Motion Carried Meeting Adjourned at 4:06 P.M...**

Next Meeting July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 3:00