



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

October 25, 2021 / Time: 3:00-4:30 pm

Present: Jennifer Heath, Randi McCray, Sarah Fabish, Dijonee Talley, Sherri Killins Stewart, Wendy Simmons, Eliza Halsey, Denise Duclos and Cynthia Watson.

Welcome and Opening Remarks – J. Heath

Meeting Minutes September 2021 – Motion to Approve September 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes. **Eliza Halsey/ MOVED Sara Fabish/SECONDED Motion Carried.**

Announcements (Info) – All

1. D. Talley – request for assistance to outreach/communicate with parents to join NHECC. **Specifically** ‘Council’ per OEC Policies is to be made up of 25% community residents / NHECC needs seven (7) New Haven parents that are School Readiness eligible.

School Readiness – D. Duclos

1. OEM indicated a 25% admin increase if the program is not at full capacity; this is funded, currently, through December 2021. D. Duclos to ‘pull the data’ on the programs, currently estimated at 69% capacity, to analyze ‘what is happening.’
2. Has waivers; will meet with a small group to discuss reduction of hours; meeting set for this week / prior to next week’s NHEC Council Meeting.

Budget Review & Financial Update (Info) – R. McCray

1. Working on City of New Haven documents i.e. pulling documents together for submission – in preparation for drawdown
2. EC Grant – have extension; have additional funding; communicating with OEC keeping them posted
3. Providers can still order PPE’s; funding still available
4. Anticipates meeting with Christina Fernandes, Finance Director UWGNH soon

Council Operations & Projects – J. Heath et al.

1. City of New Haven Proposal Work – Discussion of proposal ensued with the following Committee request: Amend Goals #1, #2, and #3. Based on amendments, Committee Goals should be submitted for now. Further under ‘In addition the council is working’ the following recommendations were made: that the council should discuss ‘Reimagine Early Child Care,’ and discuss ‘Developing an Equity Assessment and how this might move forward?’
2. EC Collaborative Grant – Update given above
3. Family Voice RFP (Discussion / Vote) – Discussion ensued with the following results: draft to be sent to the Executive Committee in ‘Google Docs’ for their comments or edits; changes will be made in time for upcoming NHEC Council Meeting scheduled for November 4, 2021.

November NHEC Council Meeting Agenda – J. Heath et al.

1. Waiver Request
2. Reimagine Childcare Campaign
3. Share RFP Plan
4. D. Duclos to share the results of the data on number of New Haven ‘School Readiness Programs’

Committee Updates (Info) –

Addressed under above headings

Meeting Adjourned at 4:37 PM. Next Meeting November 22, 2021 at 3:00

Respectfully Submitted, Cynthia Watson