



Spark NH Vision: All New Hampshire children and their families are healthy, learning, and thriving now and in the future.

Spark NH Mission: Provide leadership that promotes a comprehensive, coordinated, sustainable early childhood system that achieves positive outcomes for young children and families, investing in a solid future for the Granite State.

WFPD Committee Minutes

May 19, 2017

9:00 – 11:00 AM

Committee Charge: Develop recommendations and implementation plans to enhance NH's capacity for the recruitment, retention, advancement and support of qualified professionals across early childhood programs via education/training and credentialing.

Committee Chair: Tessa McDonnell

An orientation for new members was held from 9-9:30. The regular meeting started at 9:30

Participants: Tessa McDonnell, Shannon Quinn, Jaime Calcagni, Kristin Barden, Mary Ellen Schule, Marianne Barter, Shannon McCullough, Pat Cantor, Tricia Patten, Maria Doyle, Carol Garhart, Claudette Mallory, and Ginger Ross.

Absent: Pam Miller Sallet, Jessica Emond, Diane Bolduc, Lisa Furman, Carrie Gross, Tracy Pond, Jessica Rice, Bagdat Caglar, Karyn Yeatman, Melissa Clement, Lisa Ranfos, Karen Thomas, Maureen Hickey, Mark Vallone, and Tom Linehan.

News:

The Child Development Bureau is in a process of drafting some rules regarding child care scholarship and there is a hearing 12-4 on May 24. Each rule has its own hearing within that timeframe. There is also an option to attend a webinar.

Licensing rules are also still open for public comment.

April Minutes

April meeting notes were approved

Update from previous meeting

SPECCC

Kerri Hughes, the UNH LEND fellow shared her final report. She has been analyzing higher education courses in Child Development address the Shared Professional Early Childhood Core Competencies. (SPECCC). Kerri focused on the Child Development domain of SPECCC. A

handout summarized her findings. Overall, colleges are addressing many of the competencies. In some cases, Child Development competencies in the SPECC are covered in other courses. Committee discussed Kerri's work and its implications for our future work. Tessa will explore with Claudette having Kerri present this information to the Higher Education Roundtable. It was suggested that consulting the Higher Education Inventory this committee worked on a few years ago may also provide some information that can help the committee articulate future work.

Discussion of current topics

Strategic Plan

The Committee worked on the strategic plan – continuing to work to articulate goals in a SMART format. A decision was made to combine objective A&D and eliminate objectives E&F on the latest draft. Discussed articulating goals to be as cross-sector when possible. Tessa will make the edits decided during meeting and send the next draft prior to the July meeting.

Requests to other Committees/Council

None at this time.

Meeting Evaluation

Kerri's work is much appreciated. Tessa's facilitation helped us move efficiently and effectively through strategic plan.

June's meeting: Tessa cannot make June's meeting. Decision made to cancel both June and August's meeting and meet in July for an extended meeting.

Submitted by Maria Doyle

**Next meeting July 28, 2017 9 am – 12 noon
2 Delta Drive, Concord, NH**