



**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.

**Evaluation Committee Charge** - Work with the evaluation consultant to design and implement an evaluation plan that documents Council processes and outcomes relative to Federal requirements and other mandates and activities.

## **Evaluation Committee Minutes**

June 20, 2017

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Endowment for Health, One Pillsbury Street, Suite 310

(conducted through Zoom)

### **1. Updates from previous meeting**

### **2. Key updates & requests from other committees/Council**

- Workplan development is going slower than expected. Peter is currently working with the Committees on goals and objectives.

### **3. Granite State Poll**

- Discussed and made revisions to the proposed GSP questions.
- Next steps:
  - Peter will make revisions and send around to the group for final comment.
  - Peter and Laura will talk with Zach from GSP to better understand the parameters around how questions are counted for billing purposes.

### **4. Update on strategic planning discussion and EC feedback on Spark NH committee draft goals and objectives**

- Peter gave an update on the status of each workgroup's progress in developing their goals and objectives and workplans. Peter has been working with the groups on these.
- Committee discussion about Spark NH impact—what will change as a result of Spark NH after 5 years?
  - Better understanding of the early years
  - Guide government in coordinating the early childhood system for families (so families are not going through 17 different doors)
- Spark NH cannot control the development/integration of data systems or investment in the early years. But can control: understanding of the importance of the early years; understanding of

the need to coordinate early childhood services; understanding of policies and framework; advising local coalitions and advocacy partners to be aligned with the policy framework.

- Question: what do we want to see for NH's young children as a result of this effort? Vision is that children are healthy, learning, and thriving.
- Focus needs to be on what Spark can do, which is to help educate about the policy.
- Question: should the outcomes for Spark be more specific? Think about target audiences: providers, support in business community, health community. Create momentum for the policy work.