



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.

Spark NH Summary of Committee Summaries

Data Committee – Tuesday, July 11th, 2017

The committee held a release party for the online data exploration tool. Please visit the link below to check out the new system. <http://sparknh.daveystrategies.com/navigation/>

Executive Committee- Thursday, June 13th, 2017

The Committee reviewed the budget and recent grant applications. Vacant Council seats and nomination of officers were discussed. Strategic planning and staff work plans are almost finalized. June's Council agenda was finalized. The director evaluation was summarized. Updates on the ESSA Task force, the Taskforce on Early Identification of Developmental Issues, the Pyramid Model, and Vroom took place. The Family Engagement Meeting was debriefed and strategies were brainstormed. An opportunity to collaborate with MIECHV was supported. Laura has been invited to be a part of a taskforce of the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment.

Executive Committee- Thursday, July 27th, 2017

June's Council meeting was debriefed and August's Council agenda was finalized. Budget was reviewed. New Council members will be joining in August. Family Engagement Strategies were drafted. Report to the Governor will be submitted in October. Laura and Jackie are attending the "Collective Vision on Early Childhood Education" meeting hosted by the Governor and First Lady. An Early Childhood Governance Infrastructure was revisited. DHHS and DOE leadership will be invited to a future Council meeting. Walter Gildeom is presenting at the DOE Summer Summit. Police Chief Nick Willard and Laura co-wrote an op-ed and have been asked to do an interview with WMUR.

Policy Committee - Monday, July 10th, 2017

The group discussed the workplan that the committee has developed through the strategic planning process. The committee came to consensus to share the workplan with the executive committee. Next steps were explored. Open discussion on the regional initiatives crosswalk and the Framework for Action will be had at the next meeting. Members have been asked to bring this resource with them to future meetings in order to refer to the work being done in each region as needed. Advocacy updates were led by Rebecca Woitkowski of New Futures. The August meeting has been cancelled; the group will meet Monday September, 11.

Workforce and Professional Development Committee – Friday, May 26th, 2017

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. The Committee worked on the strategic plan – continuing the work to articulate goals in a SMART format. Tessa will make the edits decided during meeting and send the next draft prior to the July meeting. A decision was made to cancel both June and August’s meeting and meet in July for an extended time in order to finish the committee’s strategic plan.

Evaluation Committee- Tuesday, June 20th, 2017

The Evaluation Committee spent June’s meeting and follow up phone calls working on the draft questions for the Granite State poll. This poll was conducted in mid-July. The Committee also updated the Spark NH Committee member survey which is currently being fielded. Finally, the group discussed the framework for measuring the Spark NH committee goals and objectives. The Committee will provide feedback on measurement to the committees once their work plans are finalized.