



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 – No Report

Executive Committee- Thursday, September 12, 2017

August Council meeting was reviewed. October Council agenda was drafted. July Executive Committee meeting summary was approved. Update on the budget took place. Slate of officers will be presented in October. A few new Council members will be at the next meeting. Strategic Planning is almost complete. Updates on the Pyramid Model work and Vroom were given. Annual report to the Governor was discussed. There may be another Preschool Development Grant opportunity. Spark NH is willing to coordinate efforts if the state decides to move forward. Information about the Early Childhood Symposium for Law Enforcement on November 8 was shared.

Executive Committee- Thursday, October 10th, 2017

September's Executive Committee meeting summary was reviewed. October's Council Meeting agenda was finalized. Strategic Planning work plans were discussed. Meeting with the Governor's Office and the Collective Vision for Early Childhood Education was discussed. An update on the Preschool Development Grant took place. Updates on the Pyramid Model and Vroom were given. A request for a new Spark NH Task Force was shared. MOA between Early Learning NH and Spark NH was reviewed. DHHS leadership will be invited to a future Council meeting to discuss their "refresh vision." Changes to the Spark NH website were suggested.

Policy Committee - Monday, September 11th, 2017

An open discussion on the regional initiatives crosswalk and the Framework for Action took place and next steps on how these inform future actions of the Policy Committee were identified. It is noted that areas of work and momentum vary widely throughout the initiatives due to varying levels of capacity. The policy committee will be looking into ways to link to these efforts during their October meeting. Additionally, advocacy updates were

given by Rebecca Woitkowski.

Policy Committee – Monday, October 2nd, 2017

Using the committee's revised workplan, potential action steps on these policy priorities for the committee were identified as the following:

- Seek partnerships to support momentum on policy priorities and identify who else should be at the table
- Align with advocacy efforts by New Futures Kids Count on these priorities
- Educate and inform the broader community about the priorities

The committee discussed the idea of setting up a strategic planning process with Smart Start and other interested organizations. Rebecca Woitkowski will begin organizing this process and more details will follow. An Early Childhood Symposium will be designed to aid in the advancement of the framework for action. A grant was just awarded from the endowment for health to fund this event. This group will frame what this event will look like. Rebecca provided an advocacy update and informed the committee that New Futures is currently tracking about 50 LSRs that have to do with early childhood in some capacity and has started working on their Medicaid Expansion campaign.

Workforce and Professional Development Committee – Friday, July 28th, 2017

The Committee worked on the Strategic Plan – continuing to work to articulate goals, edit activities, and set projected completion dates in a SMART format. The meeting was devoted to completing the draft plan which was submitted to Spark for review by the Evaluation Committee. No other business was conducted.

Evaluation Committee- Friday, September 8th, 2017

The Evaluation Committee has spent much of its last two meetings (September and October) developing a framework for measures to evaluate the work of the Spark NH Committees. The framework includes process, individual, system, and population measures. The Committee will provide input to Committees about these in the coming months. The Committee also reviewed the results of the Spark Committee Member Survey which was administered over the summer. The Committee also discussed the results of the Granite State Poll and provided input about interesting findings and next steps.