



Spark NH Executive Committee Meeting

April 10, 2018 from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Two Delta Drive, Concord, NH

Meeting Summary

Attendance: Erin Boylan, Katie Brissette, Jackie Cowell, Ruth Littlefield, Laura Milliken, and Debra Nelson (by phone).

Minutes Recorder: Katie Brissette

The meeting time was limited so several agenda items were put on hold. The committee spent the majority of the meeting discussing the potential reconfiguration of Spark NH. Laura shared a memo outlining several options which the committee reviewed. They included:

1. Keep current membership, change the Executive Order to give us more opportunity to influence government, e.g. annual report to the legislature on the “state of early childhood,” annual report to commissioners, more access to the people we advise.
2. Change membership of the council to include positions with the kind of authority to make change in the early childhood system to meet our mission (commissioners, agency heads, business leaders, e.g.).
3. Keep current membership, appoint a Super Council/Early Childhood Cabinet that has more clout, meets less frequently, current Council would advise them.

The Executive Committee proposes that we go with the third option, a sort of hybrid approach.

The agenda for the April meeting was drafted. We’re planning to explain the opportunity presented by the Governor, showcase successes, and present the Executive Committee’s recommendation. The recommendation will further fleshed out with the Council at the April meeting. The process will be facilitated by Mary Lou Krambeer.

It’s important to review our mission and ask ourselves how we can achieve it best. Also important to review the Head Start Act to remember what early childhood councils are responsible for.

There was consensus to adjourn.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 7, 2018 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm.