



Spark NH Summary of Committee Summaries April 26, 2018

Executive Committee – March 13, 2018

The committee reviewed the council meeting and committee meeting summary. An update on the work plans was given. The budget and sustainability plan was reviewed. New grant applications have been submitted but there's work to do to fill in gaps for 2019. The meeting with the Governor covered the configuration of Spark NH, a one-stop shop for early childhood, early childhood governance, and QRIS. Monthly meetings were scheduled. The Equity Task Force was convened and will be part of this Committee. An update on the Pyramid Model took place. Letter of support request for the Institute on Disability at UNH was approved. Protocol for times when members of Spark or the public have concerns or inaccurate information was discussed.

Executive Committee – April 10, 2018

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. The Executive Committee proposes that we go with a hybrid approach that would keep current membership, appoint a Super Council/Early Childhood Cabinet that has more clout, meets less frequently, current Council would advise them. The agenda for the April meeting was drafted and will cover explaining the opportunity from the Governor, showcase successes, and present the Executive Committee's recommendation.

Policy Committee – February 5, 2018

The committee reviewed the work plan and discussed the issue of equity. How is Spark NH interfacing with other groups? The committee decided to eliminate 1.1 b. The suggestion was made to create an Equity Task Force. We should use the policy table to align efforts and combine efforts for leveraging personal work to potential partners. Evidenced based tools used to evaluate collaboration between committee members are somewhat cumbersome to fill out. However it can be useful to evaluate how individuals are collaborating. DHHS is looking at a public health approach to early childhood issues. New Futures discussed the MedEx bills.

Policy Committee – March 5, 2018

A group has been working with Harriet Dichter, to examine other states approach to Early Childhood Systems. The Quality Rating and Improvement System design is still being worked on. This group looks at the environment, assessment, strengthening families, staff development to support a quality rating scale. Encourage QRIS to link with Spark Policy to see how collaboration can occur. As well as looking into community of practice opportunities. Policy

Committee Work Plan are organizations that people would like represented still here. Advocacy - bill that deals with voluntary services for the middle tier, and reimbursement for home visiting, strengthening family resource centers, linking voluntary services with family strengthening.

Evaluation Committee – March 16, 2018

The Committee heard updates from the previous meeting. Most of the meeting was spent discussing committee work plans, goals and objectives. The Committee reviewed the Leader Survey, an evaluation tools used as part of reporting to SAMHSA as part of the Project LAUNCH grant. This survey will be fielded in April. Several changes to the survey were suggested. A new committee member survey will be fielded in May. The committee made a list of suggested changes for the new survey. Adding additional questions on work plan, equity, and Framework for Action.

Workforce and Professional Development Committee – January 26, 2018

Laura reminded members of public awareness tools. Group is pursuing funding for survey of workforce. Survey could go out in spring. Collective Vision for NH meeting broke out into three sessions Governor and First Lady attended. Lisa explained the role of UNH and the PEC. Strategic Goal Plan includes overall objectives, activities and measures. The group discussed the long-term efficacy of the plan and the need for individuals to keep their credentials. The Spark evaluation plan will measure short term and long-term effects. This plan will generate data for internal use. Claudette shared an overview Child Care and Development Fund Plan Development.

Workforce and Professional Development Committee – February 23, 2018

Workforce Impact Project identifying funding for survey almost completed. Alternative Pathway Group is including recommendations in March related to career pathways – including Apprenticeships, CDA. (child development associate) – Diane – it would seem important to have a college education. Tessa – recruitment and retention is also important – especially for those not already in the field (incoming immigrants, lower education). Maria – Health and equity partnership – pathways to new Americans – would like a newsletter article for March – Tessa will bring request to the group. Strategic Planning – working on implementation and plan to achieve goals.