



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 February 22, 2018

Executive Committee – December 12, 2017

Update on committee work plans took place. Reviewed December Council meeting agenda. Discussed budget and sustainability. Update on the Preschool Development Grant opportunity. This will be tied directly to state's ESSA requirements and only those states without a current PDG will be allowed to apply. The plan for Pyramid Model is being created. Interest in Vroom/Mind in the Making is still high. A grant for a coordinator will be submitted. Discussed the Governor's Early Childhood Collective Vision meeting.

Executive Committee – January 9, 2018

Debriefed December Council meeting and drafted February's Council meeting agenda. Annual budget and upcoming grant opportunities were discussed. A sustainability task force will be convened. There are several council members still waiting for approval from the Governor's office. Discussion on Early Childhood Governance took place. Spark NH received funding to get TA support from a national expert. Discussed Laura's annual evaluation. Next step for the Pyramid Model is to operationalize the plan and create action steps. Updates on the Home Visiting Task Force and SPDG took place.

Policy Committee – December 4, 2017

Spark has prioritized QRIS and developmental screening. Home Visiting Taskforce is developing. MIECHV is not yet reauthorized. Discussion on ways for the Policy Committee to engage around home visiting topic. New system QRIS will include 5 progressive levels. Recommendation was made to collect and share data regarding child care centers in NH. Will explore linkages with Watch Me Grow and Pyramid Model planning and implementation. The Policy Committee is seeking a Co-Chair. There is a focus on the Medicaid expansion campaign. The House has a new speaker, Representative Chandler. Discussion on how Policy Committee members will communicate about LSRs.

Policy Committee – January 8, 2018

Introductions and whip share took place. Liz Belsito is the new co-chair. HNH will be calling for proposal soon, NHCF grant dates are on the website. UNH has courses for the public sector in assistive technology. New Futures is hosting an advocacy training. YMCA looking to align efforts on strategic planning. Update on Governor's Collective Vision for Early Learning Initiative took place. Reviewed the work plan and a small task force will finalize the timelines. Update on the work of the Developmental Screening Task Force took place. There was talk of needing a media campaign.

Data Committee – December 14, 2017

The Data committee reviewed its membership and the recent change that Jennifer Sabin will no longer be Co-Chair. Peter Antal worked with the committee to review the updated work plan. Additionally, the group will be adding responsible parties and measures consistent with those defined by the Evaluation Committee. Committee reviewed planning for infographics and social media messaging. Meetings are currently on a quarterly basis.

Workforce and Professional Development Committee – October 27, 2017

Updates from the Council took place. Child Care Workforce Impact Project is hoping to survey child care directors and teachers to obtain workforce data. Identified strategies to address workforce crisis. Update on Endowment for Health's Race and Equity Symposium. Update on Collective Vision for Early Childhood Education. Multiple priorities were identified, including workforce development. Committee indicated interest in contacting invited attendees to discuss ideas with us at our next meeting. Revisited work plan. Discussed effective professional development.

Workforce and Professional Development Committee – December 15, 2017

Approved notes from the past committee meetings. Shared updates from the Council meeting. The Workforce Impact Project is hoping to survey the field on compensation, education, job satisfactions, etc. They are looking at pathways for gaining expertise and recruitment strategies. Discussed the Culturally Effective Organizations Framework website and toolkit. Strategic goals of the work plan were developed.