



Spark NH Summary of Committee Summaries June 28, 2018

Executive Committee – May 8, 2018

Debriefed the April Council meeting. Decided to spend more time in June thinking through the options. Planned the June Council meeting which will be facilitated. Brief budget and sustainability updates were given. An update on the Preschool Development Grant was shared. Planned for the upcoming meeting with the Governor's office. Discussed the December event on early childhood.

Policy Committee – April 9, 2018

Framework for Action Summit, it would be great to get a more in depth presentation. The group reached consensus that the Policy Committee Work Plan is ready to be looked at by the Evaluation Committee. Committee discussed how we define “engagement” in our work. Accessibility is an issue if our materials are not in multiple languages. Spark NH is planning another Gubernatorial Forum. Stay, Work, Play are willing to include an early childhood question at their forum. The Quality Rating and Improvement System have a task force working on designing a QRIS for NH.

Policy Committee – May 7, 2018

2018 Gubernatorial Forum, our hope is that every candidate will weigh in on early childhood issues. A task force will be convened to help plan the event. The Committee did a cross walk of member engagement. Committee members were asked to select where they most closely align. Effective date for SB570 was pushed to June 2019 and will include those in substance abuse or mental health treatment. Need for more education around Home Visiting and Family Resource Centers. Kids Count National data book will be out in June and NH's report in the fall.

Policy Committee – June 4, 2018

Google doc created where we can see who on the committee covers what. follow up with folks that haven't come in a while, most on list still want to stay on. The overall goals of the policy committee are separate from the workplan goals. The goal is to have someone represents each area, once it is complete we can do a gap analysis. Pregnancy and opioids document link can be sent out. NHCT to do 'my voice matters' trainings. Discussion continued around fiscal notes with bills like QRIS, FRC's and other child care needs that may arise once CCDF plan is finalized. Liz and Shaunna will co-chair.

Workforce and Professional Development Committee – March 23, 2018

Early Childhood Workforce Impact project has received funding for the child care workforce survey. The survey will target the workforce (wage, training, professional development, personal background, gender, ethnicity). There is a committee working on implementation of the QRIS for child care. Federal Budget Funding will increase for CCDF budget. NH Children's Trust is inviting proposals for trainings to communities. Format is usually 2 day 13-14 hours of instruction. Spark NH Equity Task Force is working on a definition and set of tools to evaluate work. All Spark committees have been asked to send a representative.

Workforce and Professional Development Committee – April 27, 2018

Update on the Pyramid Project- four components to this work: master cadre of coaches and TA, implementation and demonstration sites, and data/evaluation to provide PD to teachers and future teachers on this evidence-based practices. The EC Workforce Impact Project has identified its priorities: supporting the QRIS and how to build in stipends for programs and individuals; addressing benefits and wages for child care providers and a plan to implement the Department of Labor Apprenticeship program. Work will begin within the next few months on these strategies. The committee moved into working groups for the WFPD Goals and continued mapping out specific activities and timeframes.