



Spark NH Executive Committee Meeting

May 8, 2018 from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Two Delta Drive, Concord, NH

Meeting Summary

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

Minutes Recorder: Katie Brissette

1. Review April Executive Committee Meeting Summary

There were a few changes to the meeting summary.

2. Debrief April Council Meeting

The committee spent the majority of the meeting debriefing the April Council meeting where the reconfiguration of Spark NH was discussed. It was clear that Council members needed more time to process and think about the proposed changes. Need to back up and discuss why these proposed changes were recommended.

3. June Council Meeting Agenda

Peggy Kieschnick will facilitate the June Council meeting. Materials will be sent around ahead of the meeting. The agenda will include a review of success, what's working well, what can be done better; opportunity from the Governor's office; review of the proposed models. Laura will draft a one-pager that includes the background of the Council (success and challenges), opportunity presented by the Governor, options to consider, and questions that have come up. This will go to the Executive Committee for feedback first so a quick response will be needed. Phone calls will be made to Council members who were not at the last meeting or who were vocal about their concerns with the proposal. At the August Council meeting we will hopefully be ready to come to consensus on the configuration of Spark NH. Need to have a quorum at both meetings. Peggy is not available to facilitate the August 23 meeting so we will invite Lauren Wool to observe the June Council meeting and facilitate in August.

4. Director Evaluation

There are still two outstanding evaluations. The evaluation will be discussed at the June meeting.

5. Strategic Planning/Work Plans

No update at this time.

6. Spark NH Budget

We will know about the HNH Foundation grant by end of May.

7. Sustainability Planning

Once we know that the funding for 2018 is secure we will start working on the plan for 2019.

8. Equity Task Force

The task force has met twice and are working on their charge and definitions of equity.

9. Preschool Development Grant

Debra will be sending around an invitation to DHHS, DOE, NH Charitable Foundation, Endowment for Health, and Spark NH Executive Committee to talk about the plan for the preschool development grant. Spark NH will help convene the group to work on the application. We will promote a community based mixed delivery model. Foundations have offered to help fund a grant writer.

10. Update on Pyramid Model

Erin gave an update on the national conference. Communities can apply for the DOE SPDG grant and we hope each of the regional initiatives gets funding.

11. Update on Vroom/Mind in the Making

No update at this time.

12. Meeting with Governor's Office – Wednesday, May 9, 2 – 3 pm

Laura, Jackie, Katie will be attending the meeting. We will be discussing the four ongoing agenda items: Council Configuration, QRIS, Early Childhood Governance, and One-Stop Shop.

13. December Event

On December 10th Early Learning NH, Spark NH, Save the Children Action Network, New Futures and Moms Rising are hosting an event as a follow up to the October 2015 summit. The same message will be presented to new legislators, business leaders, state and community leaders. Erin Boylan suggested Rafeal Lopez, national speaker on Family Resource Centers. There will be an advocacy training for the field in the afternoon. Looking to NH Charitable Foundation, Endowment for Health, and the Bezos Family Foundation for funding.

There was consensus to adjourn.

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