



WFPD Committee Minutes February 23, 2018

Present: Tessa McDonnell, Maria Doyle, Tricia Patten, Karen Thomas, Melissa Clement. Maureen Hickey; Claudette Mallory, Lisa Ranfos, Carol Garhart, Marianne Barter, Gwen Whitney-Gill, Diane Bolduc.

Excused: Mary Ellen Schule, Pat Cantor, Jaime Calcagni, Lisa Furman, Bagdat Calgar, Tracy Pond, Mark Vallone, Kristin Barden. Peter Antal

Absent: Thom Linehan, Karyn Yeatman, Pam Miller Sallett, Susan Osborne, Ginger Ross, Kristi Hart

TEACH Model and WAGE\$ – workshop today at the NH Charitable Fund. Many members attending that session

Review of minutes January 26, 2018 – changes made and approved

Updates from Spark Council and other Committees

Home Visiting Taskforce – Maria reported

Jan 5th meeting – Next meeting in March

Created from an original committee that was private/public interest – trying to revive this work – they want to define Home Visiting – had a meeting in Dec that was very well attended

Subgroups created to work on various aspects – groups 1 and 4 currently meeting

1. Guiding document used by the council as a starting point – next meeting in March
2. Professional development/Quality
3. Communication/Messaging
4. Data – meeting in March

If anyone is interested, please let Maria know

Spark Council update – Mark attended, absent today

Workforce Impact Project – Tessa

Identifying funding for survey almost complete.

Alternative Pathway Group is including recommendations in March related to career pathways – including Apprenticeships, CDA (child development associate) – which is an entry point to field, but it does not lead to college credit

Diane – it would seem important to have college education included

Tessa – recruitment and retention 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

Discussion of current topics

Strategic Planning – working on implementation and plan to achieve goals

Tasks for today – be sure to communicate the work with rest of group when they are not present

1. review activities
2. finalize measures of evaluation using the data provided from Peter/SPARKNH
 - a. handout provided
3. What is the realistic impact
4. What should be measured?
5. What will be the benchmark?

Requests to other Committees/Council

None at this time.

Action Items and Meeting evaluation

Action

Tessa will send copy of work plans to groups

Tessa will contact people who are not here – see if still interested – then email final list to everyone

Reflections

Group work important – time to get together

We may sign up for too much – we are over planners and may not be able to complete all of the work we want to

Missing members = missing knowledge – hard to complete tasks assigned

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Ranfos

Next meeting –
March 23, 2018

Announcements from Committee members

Diane Bolduc – regional director family supports and services Moore Center – hiring at Moore Center – 4 positions for direct support services – OT, PT, Speech/Infant Mental Health. Looking for board members for NHAIMH.

Carol Garhart – new book out, “Choose Your Words” –will be at two Barnes and Noble for book signing

Trish Patton – Lakes Region CC services – hiring at all levels

Karen Thomas Tri –county Head Start – SAU 84 partnership career tech center – ECE students at high school – planning a week-long experience for these students related to ECE – First aid and CPR, etc. (Reach out to her for Workforce Impact Project)

Maryanne Barter – Merrimack Valley Daycare Services – Child Care Advisory Council – working on cost of child care

Maria Doyle – NH Children’s Trust – registration for Summit open - essential for childhood – CEUs available

Many trainings coming up in March and April and June - full Strengthening Families training
Looking for host partners for training – contact Maria

Melissa Clement – Child care licensing – workshops and Q&A sessions

Welcome to new member Gwen Whitney-Gill- integrated case manager at Concord Hospital – community resource liaison – working with moms with babies of substance abuse – increase access to resources