

Summary of the Summaries – October, November, and December**Quality Committee Meeting – October 20, 2015**

The group discussed requesting project funds to hire a consultant to create a collaboration/coordination toolkit. They brainstormed what would be included in the toolkit. Debra or Kristin will submit request to Laura Milliken and, if Council approves the request, contact candidates to ascertain interest and availability to assume/complete a contract for this work. Amy Parece-Grogan attended and provided background for the race and equity evaluation of Spark NH. Each committee member will take 2-3 issues and prepare to share them with the group.

Workforce and Professional Development Committee Meeting - October 23, 2015

The committee reviewed the progress in vetting the draft of Shared Professional Early Childhood Core Competencies (SPECCC) with stakeholders. The committee would like as many professionals who provide professional development (pre and in-service) to review and give feedback on SPECCC. We reviewed the WPD committee work plan and discussed completed activities as well as activities remaining. In regards to cross-sector ECPDS Blueprint recommendations, the committee worked on prioritizing recommendations. Debra Nelson shared findings of the Blueprint Financing Committee and the committee heard a report on SEE Change.

Policy Committee Meeting – November 2, 2015

The Spark NH Policy Committee was pleased to be informed that the Office of the Governor approved their white paper on specific actions to accompany the “Framework for Action for New Hampshire’s Young Children.” It will now be sent to the graphics designer to get ready for publication. The committee discussed the formal release of the Framework and their ongoing role in the coordination and monitoring of the actions related to the Framework. Updates were given on Spark NH’s regional partnerships and the CCDF taskforce. The meeting evaluations were positive.

Data Committee – November 2, 2015

Liz is seeking a co-chair for the committee. Peter gave an update on the Early Childhood Indicators and gave an overview of our process to date. The group reviewed the items identified by Peter and further discussed several of them. Amy Parece-Grogan presented on Equity and Race and let the group in an assessment. They also discussed the CLAS Standards. They discussed limitations around data related to language, race, and ethnicity. A tool called "Me, My Race and I", done by PBS was shared. The committee also reviewed and updated their work plan.

Communications and Public Awareness Committee – November 5, 2015

The 2-1-1 task force reported on their progress. Committee members discussed marketing this as a resource for community, providers and families. The 2-1-1 website was reviewed. The “Why We Care”, “I Am a Promise,” Pledge, and animated short videos were viewed and ways to use them in the community were brainstormed. The Endowment for Health provided an update on the launch of Raising of America and Raising New Hampshire. The list of upcoming Bedrock and Ambassador trainings was reviewed. Bedrock messaging continues to be successful and new opportunities to promote the presentation are welcome.

Executive Committee – November 10, 2015

The Committee debriefed last Council meeting, approved committee summary, and drafted the December Council agenda. Changes to the bylaws were proposed. The 2016 budget was discussed. The opportunity for NH to become the 27th Pyramid State was discussed and a small group will convene to brainstorm this further, followed by a reconvening of the larger group. Other items included: scheduling a meeting with the Governor's office and the Commissioners; a letter of support for an Impact Monadnock Opportunity Grant; the Family Engagement Taskforce; Laura joining the Concord School District Full Day Kindergarten Committee; and the Governor's Office approval of the Framework for Action.