



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 Executive Committee Meeting

8-11-15

12:00-2:00

2 Delta Drive, Concord

Meeting Summary

Attendance: Laura Milliken, Jackie Cowell, Erika Argersinger, Debra Nelson, Deidre Dunn Tierney, Ruth Littlefield, Cara Morrison, Caitlin Jones

Minutes Recorder: Caitlin Jones

1. July Executive Committee Meeting Summary

The committee came to consensus to approve the meeting summary.

2. Spark NH Budget

The Community of Practice Grant cleared Governor and Council

3. Spark NH Council Membership

The Governor's office had a concerns over the proposed additional council member slots. They felt that the Council was already very large and that adding members was not a good idea. The Committee discussed how to talk to the Governor's office about why the additional appointments should be prioritized.

4. Equity Update - BUILD Initiative Equity opportunity – update

Dee applied for Equity Leaders in Action Initiative and Spark NH provided a letter of support. Jessica Sugrue from the Child Development Bureau also applied and Laura wrote her a letter of support as well.

5. October Council Meeting/ Media event - Bedrock training for Council

There will be a Bedrock training for the Council at the October meeting. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers and the Governor may attend. More details to come.

The Governor signed the pledge.

6. Report on DOE Summer Summit

For the first time, there was an Early Childhood strand at the DOE Summer Summit. The strand included 12 sessions, a keynote, and a process observer. The Early Childhood Team convened for a second time. Developmental screening has been chosen as the goal area for the group for the next year. The goal is to increase access and participation in developmental screening through Watch Me Grow in NH public schools for families of young children. Debra proposed creating a taskforce for next year's DOE summer summit. The taskforce will help plan the Early Childhood Strand. The creation of this taskforce will be mentioned at the August Council Meeting but will be officially announced at the October meeting.

7. August Spark NH Council Agenda – edit/ update

Effie Malley will do the member presentation. Committees will have the time to report out, Peter will have twenty minutes to lead a discussion around the Levels of Collaboration Scale, and the budget will be shared.

8. Sustainability –Update

Jackie and Laura met with Kristin Booth regarding funding. They are happy to report that funding levels will stay the same. This means that 2016 core operating funds are completely covered. Laura is working on an application to the Charitable Foundation to support Lynn Davey's work.

9. Council Officers

Nominations will happen in October for council officers (Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer). The Council will vote to reach consensus on new officers at the October meeting. At the August meeting people will be asked to join the Nominating committee, which will meet in September.

10. Governor's Report

The report to the Governor's office is due on October 1st. The report focuses on what has been done in the last year; information is pulled from grant reports and committee reports.

11. ACF Meeting

The ACF sent out an email regarding a meeting for states who received Race to The Top and Preschool Development grants. There is day for all states to come, and all Councils were invited. The meeting will focus on State Councils as a vehicle to move the message on families and early childhood forward. Laura will invite Brittany Weaver to attend with her.

12. Family Resource Connection

Debra updated the Council on the FRC. She has proposed reconvening the old FRC funders group to have a thoughtful discussion on next steps. The Communications and Public Awareness Committee will discuss this at their next meeting.

13. Project Funds

Watch Me Grow Data Bridge –About \$1,100 is needed to create a data bridge between Brookes Publishing ASQ-3/ASQ-SE online system and WMG Welligent data base. The Executive committee will ask to have \$1,100 of project funds to create this bridge.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:53.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 12:00-2:00