



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.

Evaluation Committee Charge - Work with the evaluation consultant to design and implement an evaluation plan that documents Council processes and outcomes relative to Federal requirements and other mandates and activities.

Evaluation Committee Notes

March 6, 2015

2:00pm – 3:00pm

PHONE MEETING

Due to low expected attendance, the meeting was changed to a phone meeting with an abbreviated agenda. Two new members attended the meeting, Dee Dunn and Heidi Petzold from DHHS. Also on the phone were Laura Milliken, Peter Antal and Karen Horsch.

1. Final Feedback on Spark NH Committee Member Survey

Per request from Debra Nelson, the Committee discussed the final version of the Spark NH Committee Member Survey, including targeted questions she had asked.

- Question #15: change the statement “creating an early learning infrastructure” to “Creating an effective coordinating structure for the improvement of early learning systems and services in NH”
- Question #16: looks good
- Question #17: Can “development” be replaced with “improvement”?

The Committee members also noted that it might be worth “cross checking” the survey one final time with our past conversations relative to the Wilder Tool questions to see if there is anything else that should be included in this survey. Peter will just do a quick “check” of that tool and Committee conversations about it to see if anything is missing and provide suggestions to Debra.

2. Discussion about Project LAUNCH evaluation needs vis-à-vis Spark NH

Committee members briefly reviewed the components of the Project LAUNCH evaluation plan as they relate to the statewide council, Spark NH with an eye to prioritizing the evaluation tasks. There is a recognition that Spark-related evaluation activities will likely need to be undertaken by Spark NH so prioritization is important. A quick review of the items led to some discussion about which evaluation questions were of higher priority than others. The Committee agreed that Laura and Peter, as Evaluation Consultant to Spark NH, would discuss which evaluation items to prioritize and make a recommendation to the committee at the next meeting in May.