

3.12.19 East Hartford School Readiness Council Minutes

9:36 start

In attendance:

Julie Giaccone – Liaison

Casey Guiheen – Designee for Jas Singh RMS

Elsie Torres – EH Assistant Superintendent

Jen King – EH Youth Services, Program Coordinator

Amy Peltier – EH CONNects

Laura Floyd – EH YMCA Exec Director

Jeanna Reagan – EH YMCA Regional Director

Robin Bucki – YWCA Director

Manual Silva – Silva's YOT Director

Nancy Testa – EH Mayor's Designee

Lisa Beauchamp – ECLC (Hockanum) Principal

Effie DiBenedetto – EH public library

Sarah Cabahug – ADAPT program

Motion to accept February minutes Robin Bucki, second by Manny Silva

Update on EAT & EDUCATE – DOTS work session 3/19, Directors were notified to inform teachers and assistants to come with their data.

Information obtained in monitoring reports will be included in RFP. Monitoring Report recommendations are to be implemented and will be looked for at follow up visits.

Question posed if sites could respond to Monitoring Report recommendations in writing with evidence of implementation. Answer – yes.

Teachers must be including in their lesson plans how and what they will be assessing and then they need to use formative assessment (DOTS). YWCA uses GOLD instead of DOTS.

EH SR Community of Practice has been working to address the issues that **less than 50%** of incoming Kindergarteners are entering with preschool experience. EH SR has notified OEC of this data and has requested additional slots. EH SR Council will need to produce an implementation proposal that delineates our capacity for new slots now, in 6 months, in 12 months, etc. KIDS COUNT CAHS 2018 data book was shown to council. This data indicates that EH has one of the lowest % of children entering Kindergarten with preschool experience in the state.

QE RFP Public Notice to address EH SR program's need for ongoing support for social emotional early childhood SRBI, teaching teachers how to teach and support the development of emotional regulation to prevent challenging behaviors (TIER I) and strategies for TIER II.

COMPASS Preschool training will be available for teacher assistants and their teacher partners. Modules include: Roles and Responsibilities, Communication, Positive Behavior Support, Legal and Ethical Issues, Instructional Strategies. RESCs will be offering these trainings in collaboration with CSDE, but these trainings can be brought into EH SR sites for evening sessions. Core Knowledge and Competencies (CKCs) training can also be brought into EH SR sites for evening training sessions. OEC approved trainings must be rolled out exactly as OEC has designed them for individuals to receive credit for them in the registry.

CREC ECE Council will be offering CKCs for free in the next four council meetings:

3/21 & 4/25

5/16 & 6/12

Contact Julie for additional details.

EH SR QE RFPs are to be received by 4/1 and will be shared with readers along with scoring rubric (3 readers per RPF)

Non-Residency Policy C-06 Voted and Adopted

Nancy Testa presented information on navigating the EH SR webpage on the town's website. This will be a way to share information with families and the community, but it is one way communication. Apps such as Seesaw, Live Cubbies, Hi Momma can be used for reciprocal exchange of information and to direct families to our School Readiness webpage.

Send information about each SR program along with contact information to Nancy (ntesta@easthartfordct.gov) and she will post on the webpage. We also want to promote Ready for K, our preK – K transition initiative here, events, resources for parents, our mission and vision statement and a blurb about what NAEYC really is and how it enhances the quality of our programs.

READY FOR K initiative – Veronica's grant

THANK YOU VERONICA!!

Open houses at each SR location

Seeking central registration to be on site for each open house

Seeking K teacher and or administrator to be at open house

Table for FRC

Table for Youth Services

Table for Office of Family and Community Partnerships

Posters

Brochure

(providers will finalize design for posters and brochure at next provider meeting)

PSAs

Packet / book for families

Simsbury has a town wide system of notifying parents of registration times and locations. Julie will meet with Simsbury next week to gather information about that process. East Hartford has different demographics and any system we put into place will need to consider variables unique to EH to accommodate our families.

RFPs all due 4/1, readers scored by 4/16 meeting.

10:35 Adjourn