



Meeting Minutes – December 15, 2015
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Nemours Health and Prevention Services
Wells Fargo Tower – 8th Floor Large Conference Room
2200 Concord Pike
Wilmington, DE 19803

Council Attendance: Madeleine Bayard, Rodel Foundation; Heidi Beck, Delaware Head Start Association; Marth Buell, University of Delaware; Cheryl Clendaniel, The Learning Center; Karen DeRasmo, Prevent Child Abuse in Delaware; Debbie Gottschalk, Division of Health and Social Services; Susan Perry-Manning, Office of Early Learning; Mary Kate Mouser, Nemours Health and Prevention Services; Leslie Newman, Children and Families First; Debbie Taylor, Child Care Aware of America; Michelle Taylor, United Way of Delaware; Kelli Thompson, Nemours Health & Prevention Services; Michelle Wilson, Capital School District

Others in Attendance: Dawn Alexander, Sherlynn Aurelio, Janice Barlow, Secretary Carla Benson-Green, D. Dusty Blakey, Carrette Cameron, Susan Campbell, Patricia Cooper, Alanna Drake, Maria Edgerton, Tina Edwards, Daphne Y. Evans, Melissa Froemming, Jason Gardner, LeAnna Gibason, Caitlin Gleason, Secretary Steven Godowsky, Kim Gomes, Ranie Good, Jacqueline Greene, Troy Greene, Rosanne Griff-Cabelli, Michele Gross, Shebra Hall, Belvie Herbert, Paula Holloway, Lynn Jezyk, Genesis Johnson, Julie Johnson, Representative Quinn Johnson, September Jones, Kim Krzanowski, Leah Leader, Gina Ling, Miecko Malone, Governor Jack Markell, Victoria Mells-Clymer, Mary Moor, Kathy Moore, Dave Nichols, Tanya Robinson, April Samuels, Dr. Gwendolyn Sanders, Faith Scheibe, Pat Scruggs, Annette Searfoss, Marcie Shahan, Judy Stang, Peggy Stinson, Sue Taylor, Bernice Thomas, Krysta Thomas, Verna Thompson, Debbie Toner, Janet Umble, Stephanie Wagner, Jamie Walko, Ann-Janine Ward, Deanna J. Watkins, Mindy Webb, Nicole Williams, Whitney Williams, Michelle Wilson, Leah Woodall, Linda Zankowsky

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- Mary Kate Mouser welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

- Minutes were approved with the following changes:
 - Under Council Attendance change Heidi Beck's association to the "Delaware Head Start Association."

3. Wilmington Resource Center Move, Location & Purpose – Victoria Mells-Clymer

- Victoria presented on the City of Wilmington – WECEC Professional Development Resource Center.
 - **Move and Location Change**

- The resource center has moved to Warner Elementary School.
- **Available Services**
 - TECE 1 and 2 scholarship opportunities
 - Professional development
 - Career advisement
 - Technical assistance
 - Mentoring
 - Resources for teaching
 - Referrals
 - Free membership
 - Early learning professional literature
 - Home child care & center support groups

4. Update on Project LAUNCH – Mary Moor

- Mary Moor presented on Project LAUNCH: <http://decc.delaware.gov/files/2015/12/General-LAUNCH-Flyer-Final-Draft.pdf> , and referenced the “12/15/2015 Report/Update on Project LAUNCH”, document, <http://decc.delaware.gov/files/2015/12/Project-LAUNCH-Update-for-WECEC-and-DECC-12-15-2015.pdf>. These documents explain the Project LAUNCH program in detail.

5. Project Motion, Move and Mambo – Dave Nichols and Alanna Drake (Nemours)

- Dave Nichols and Alanna Drake presented on Project Motion, Move and Mambo and referenced the “Early Childhood Learning Community for Wilmington Family Child Care Providers: Fun Physical Activity” document, <http://decc.delaware.gov/files/2015/12/FINAL-1305-talking-points-for-recruitment-calls-family.pdf>, and the “Early Childhood Learning Community for Wilmington Centers: Fun Physical Activity,” document, <http://decc.delaware.gov/files/2015/12/FINAL-1305-talking-points-center-recruitment.pdf>. These documents explain the Project Motion, Move and Mambo programs for centers and for family child care providers in detail.

6. Early Learning Sustainability

- Susan Perry-Manning, Executive Director of the Office of Early Learning presented on early learning sustainability: http://decc.delaware.gov/files/2015/12/SPM_DECC-Dec-15-2015.pdf. This presentation describes the accomplishments of the Early Learning Challenge Grant and reviews proposed budget expenditures for FY17 in detail.

7. Connect to purpose – T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood@ Delaware

- Paula Holloway and Lynn Jezyk presented on T.E.A.C.H.®: <http://decc.delaware.gov/files/2015/12/TEACH-Dec-15.pdf>. This presentation describes the T.E.A.C.H. program and provides a summary of accomplishments.

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood@ Success Stories

- Mary Kate Mouser thanks all of the T.E.A.C.H. scholars for their hard work and commitment and called T.E.A.C.H. Scholars Patricia Cooper, Tina Edwards and Jacqueline Green to the front to say a few words.

8. Remarks from Governor Jack Markell

- Governor, Jack Markell thanks the T.E.A.C.H. scholars for their compelling testimonials and stated that he was very encouraged by the progress early learning has made over the past 5 years.

- Governor Markell's office also released a press release on the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Program, <http://news.delaware.gov/2015/12/15/governor-markell-recognizes-t-e-a-c-h-early-childhood-scholars/>.

9. Goal 3 Report: PreK-K-1st Stronger Together Conference – Michelle Wilson

- Michelle Wilson, Kindergarten Teacher at Capital School District reported on the PreK-K-1st Stronger Together Conference:
 - Michelle thanked Caitlin Gleason, Conference Coordinator; for her hard work.
 - Over 300 people registered, and there was a wide variety of Pre-K, kindergarten and first grade educators in attendance.

10. Future Meeting Topics and Close – Mary Kate Mouser

- Early Childhood Advocacy Day is May 4th in Dover (location details forth coming).
- The next Council meeting will be the Governor's Birth to 8 Summit on February 10, 2016 at Delaware State University.
- Mary Kate adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.