



Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2016
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Dover Public Library
35 Loockerman Street
Dover, DE 19901

Council Attendance: Madeleine Bayard, Rodel Foundation; D. Dusty Blakey, Colonial School District; Ed Freel; Debbie Gottschalk, Division of Health and Social Services; Andria Keating, Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children; Dr. Renee Kottenhahn, Delaware Academy of Pediatrics; Mary Kate Mouser, Nemours Health and Prevention Services; Leslie Newman, Children and Families First; Susan Perry-Manning, Office of Early Learning

Others in Attendance: Kim Bryda, Syreeta Clarke, Veronica Commodore, Allison Constable, John Fisher-Klein, Ray Fitzgerald, Ariel Ford, Katie Freer, Carmen Gallagher, Jason Gardner, LeAnna Gibason, Caitlin Gleason, Thomas Hall, Belvie S. Herbert, Trish Hermance, Paula Holloway, Tamira Holloway, Melissa Hopkins, Lynn E. Jezyk, Tamika Mill, Mary Moor, Shaniell Norton, Christine Olley, Takeya Perez, Andrea Prettyman, Patricia Scruggs, Marcie Shahan, S. Renee Smith, Betty Gail Timm, Ann-Janine Ward, Christy Wright

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 no changes.

3. Council Updates

• Council Appointments

- Mary Kate Mouser reported that most of the Council appointments have been approved, although we are still in the process of identifying a business leader.
- An updated list will be sent out to the DECC mailing list with the current list of Council appointments.
- Any suggestions for Council appointments please correspond with Madeleine Bayard.
- Additional appointments and re-appointments will be addressed again in 2017.

• ECCS Grant Submission

- Christy Wright from Division of Public Health gave a brief update on the ECCS “Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems” grant submission.
 - The point person for the grant is Paulina Gyan.
 - Christy Wright referenced the meeting minutes document from the March 10, 2016 Council meeting, <http://decc.delaware.gov/files/2015/12/3-10-2016-DECC-Meeting-Mins-DRAFT.pdf>. This document contains extensive about the ECCS grant.

- The grant was submitted March 15, 2016. A final funding decision is expected in July 2016.
 - If awarded the total will be \$426,000.00 per year for five years.
 - The purpose of the grant is to enhance early childhood systems building and demonstrate improved outcomes in population-based children's developmental health and family well-being using the CoIIN model.
 - The overall aim of the Impact grant is for participating communities to show a 25% increase in the baseline, in age-appropriate developmental skills among 3 year olds in the chosen communities.
 - The grant application will be e-mailed to the Council mailing list for review.
- **CCDF Plan Submission**
 - Debbie Gottschalk updated the Council on the CCDF Plan progress.
 - DSS is moving forward on requiring licensing for currently license-exempt child care providers receiving Purchase of Care, as described in the CCDF Plan.
 - Any additional updates on policy changes will be reported at the July 2016 Council meeting.
 - The CCDF Plan provides guidance to states on developing an expulsion policy. DSS has submitted an application for federal technical assistance in creating and developing Delaware's expulsion policy.
 - Debbie Gottschalk asked the Council to provide a letter of support for the expulsion policy technical assistance grant.

4. Updates from the Office of Early Learning (OEL)

- Susan Perry-Manning provided updates from the Office of Early Learning:
 - OEL will engage a consultant and convene a task force to revise the state's birth to age 5 early learning standards and create social-emotional and approaches to learning standards for K-2, beginning in July.
 - The Professional Development Committee has begun its work to create a strategic direction for the early learning workforce. Susan shared the following presentation: <http://decc.delaware.gov/files/2015/12/May-4-2016-DECC-Meeting.pdf>, which provides a detailed overview of the charge and purpose of the Professional Development Committee.

5. Advocacy Day Activities – DAEYC Presentation

- Dr. Shaivitz & Eric Raser-Schramm presented on Advocacy Day activities.

6. Council Response to Advocacy Day

- Mary Kate Mouser thanked DAEYC for their leadership on Advocacy Day.
- Madeleine Bayard referenced the Advocacy Day documents, <http://decc.delaware.gov/files/2015/12/Early-Learning-Talking-Points.pdf>, <http://decc.delaware.gov/files/2015/12/FY17-early-learning-budget-support-002.pdf> and http://decc.delaware.gov/files/2015/12/Early_Childhood_Advocates-08-002.pdf. These documents support the early learning investment in the proposed FY 2017 budget.

7. Feedback on Future Council Committees, Meeting & Work

- Mary Kate Mouser thanked everyone for their feedback submitted at the March 10, 2016 council meeting. There are several items from the feedback that they are taking into consideration. The feedback has been compiled and will be shared with everyone at the next Council meeting in July 2016.

8. Future Meeting Topics and Close

- Next meeting is July 20th, 2016
 - Delaware State Police Troop 2
Robert Paris Community Room
100 Lagrange Avenue
Newark, DE 19702

- Mary Kate adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.