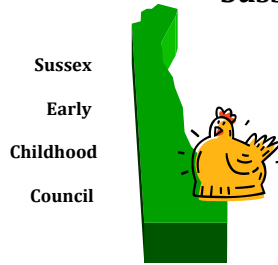


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**Sussex Early Childhood Council (SECC)- Monthly Council Meeting**  
in partnership, with  
**Sussex County Health Coalition (SCHC)**



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**SECC/ ELAT Meeting Minutes**  
**December 18, 2018**

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**Rita Hovermale's Home 111 Delaware Ave, Bridgeville, DE 19933**  
**9:00 am to 11:30 am**

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**Christine Hoeflich-Olley opened with a welcome and group introduction.**

**Approval of October Meeting Minutes:**

Stephanie Wagner made a motion to approve the November Meeting Minutes. Mary Moor seconded the motion. November meeting minutes were approved by the group.

**Attendees:**

Christine Hoeflich-Olley, Michelle Spencer, Mary Moor, Christine Stoops, Stephanie Wagner, Jennifer McCue, Rita Hovermale, Jere Hutson, Barbara Johnson, Julie Beebe

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**Rita Hovermale**

- DE Teacher Academy designed to help kids decide what they would like to pursue
- Most jobs in near future will require an AA no longer a tech certificate
- Education prep is down 50% in enrollment across the nation and here in DE "critical stage"
- the focus has been on how to improve the workforce
- the academy started as a K-12 initiative
- Programs of Study start in middle school with planned course work
- industry credentials are important
- dual enrollment that is specific to their pathway
- 2018-19-----1700 enrolled with 500 in Early Childhood track (Cape only school district in Sussex) Seaford has not come on board.
- Module program EC/K-12: Human Growth and Development (1<sup>st</sup> year) EC as a Profession (2<sup>nd</sup> year) Curriculum instruction (3<sup>rd</sup> year)
- Why important? 1/3 EC leave after 3 years, 1/2 after 5 years in the field
- 60% work within 20 minutes of where they went to high school

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- Mandatory teacher trainings for 1 week in the summer EC and K-12 together, mid-year check in also part of the program, having them in the same room important
  - Looking for professionals that would share with the teachers at the trainings
  - talked about what can we as a group do to support the program, Rita suggested those that want to come and share professional roles, support meals for trainings,
  - Mary Moor stated they are on board and eager to work with the project

**Julie Beebe, Polytech Childcare Partnership EHS, Stephanie Wagner, Polytech Childcare Partnership EHS, Christine Olley DECC Childcare Partnership**

- Julie shared about what EHS is and what the partnership is; program is intended to have access for families to high quality centers.
- Qualifications for EHS, Childcare slots done through the center and Family Service Workers
- Some qualifications are low income, developmental delay, families must have Purchase of Care
- Discussion about home visiting vs. Family Service workers

**Discussion**

**Michelle Spencer**

- discussed that they were looking into the possibility of the TEACH scholarship being offered to home visitors
- shared that often what stops teachers from moving forward is the student teaching
- they are in the process and have finalized partnerships with higher ed programs that will be available to teachers.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Next SECC/ELAT meetings:**

January 22, 2019

10-11:30

Easter Seals, Georgetown DE 19947

22317 Dupont Highway