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 (1st year) EC as a Profession (2nd year) Curriculum instruction (3rd year)
- Why important? 1/3 EC leave after 3 years, ½ after 5 years in the field
- 60% work within 20 minutes of where they went to high school
• 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