

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



Meeting Minutes – August 28, 2018

Easter Seals, 1st Floor Conference Room
Georgetown, DE 19947
10:00 am to 11:30 am

***SECC MISSION:** The mission of the Sussex Early Childhood Council is to promote the highest quality comprehensive early childhood system for Sussex's young children and their families by Providing Leadership and advocacy through collaboration among families, communities, providers and schools.*

***ELAT MISSION:** The Early Learning Collaboration identifies issues and needs of young children in the community and collaborates with our partners to provide them the support through training, education, and resources.*

Welcome & Introductions: Christine Hoeflich-Olley asked the committee for introduction and invited everyone to review minutes. Motion to accept minutes was made by: Barbara Johnson, Donna Snyder-White 2nd the motion.

Attendees: Donna Snyder-White, Linda Chantler, Mary More, Christine Stoops, Stephanie Wagner, Barbara Johnson, Crystal Timmons-Underwood, Lisa Coldiron, Christine Hoeflich-Olley, Jere' Hutson, Rita Hovermale, Stacy Penaia, Casey Christophel

Action Items:

- ✓ **Stephanie Wagner will reach out to Maria from WIC to invite her to the meeting**
- ✓ **Ask Pauline to update the committee on the conference of working with WIC**
- ✓ **Add Rita on the Calendar to discuss the programs**
- ✓ **Reach out to Milford Housing to have them speak this fall the committee really feels strong about being able to provide this service to their clients as well as partner with them for working in their communities with the readiness team.**

Guest Speakers:

Lisa Coldiron, Grants Manager, SCHC

- ✓ **ColIN Update, July 2018 – Nation Conference – Cohort B begins**
 - They keep hitting home the importance of the first 5 years of life.
 - One thing that we need to push forward is the initiatives and going forward
 - Cohort B is about parent engagement
 - Lisa attended a meeting with the CDC- The CDC has a website that has accredited training, resources for your classroom, posters, etc. it is very user friendly
 - 1 out of 6 children have some type of mental delay
 - Paula reached out to Maria from WIC.
 - One thing they really talked about is having an ambassador
 - One idea is to work with WIC because they see the largest number of children in our demographic
 - SCHC wants to form a tasks group that will work towards it

- Finding access places where children are
- We need to look at getting more exposure
- If we take a vantage of where people are then we can move the needle a little more
- Volunteer leads that make a power impact
- Champion for Young Children- this is a development for ECCS work that is right now piloting in Sussex County. First training is in Oct 2018 they are recruiting the families currently.
- They entire is really about family engagement and family partnership around screening and development
- The best part about the conference is the sharing their items and work

Stephanie Wagner stated that Kent is going to sit at WIC two days a week for their screenings. Grandparents raising grandchildren would be a great group to engage as well.

Lisa shared information about the Project Purple Awareness Campaign

- ✓ **Lisa shared a flyer for the September 11, 2018 event to see Chris Herren**
- ✓ **This is a comprehensive approach and we are asking everyone to “Go Purple”**
- ✓ **We used the Botvin Program to train 11 children at the Seaford High School. They will train Middle School students. We will report how this goes.**
- ✓ **There is an education piece as well as an awareness**
- ✓ **Christine has her visiting nursing will be Purple paper for September/October and where to go.**
 - **She has purple ribbons for each family**
 - **Each one of her staff will have a purple ribbon on their name budgets**
 - **She has put up a board on the Purple Project**
 - **For each play group she has asked that they do a purple activity**

Christine Hoeflich- Olley, Program Manager, Parents as Teachers – Program updates

- ✓ This year we are starting a new program year they served Sussex County up to entering Kindergarten
- ✓ 3-5 years old populations are a concern and with a limited of number of family we can serve
- ✓ They are the only program that can serve ages 3-5 but can only serve up to 30 families.
- ✓ A lot of the referrals are with other home visiting programs, hospitals, they don't usually get many from Bay Health
- ✓ They do a lot of community recruitment, HELP ME GROW
- ✓ There have been some great changes with their referrals
- ✓ It is a great program that is designed from a family for 2-3 years.
- ✓ They have 90 days to do screenings once the family is signed up. All families that are on home visiting.
- ✓ The COIIN work is important for the families that don't qualify or get referred from home nurses
- ✓ They are working with connections
- ✓ They can take on 103 birth to 3
- ✓ 57 for Stephanie birth to 3
- ✓ Public health has asked them to start tracking how many 3-5 years old are turned away so that way they can determine if funding is needed.
- ✓ The State DOE funding allows them to serve children through age 3 until a few weeks before their 4th birthday
- ✓ Stephanie and Christine try to partner with other organization that they can work with.
- ✓ Christine shared an updated list for upcoming groups and locations
- ✓ Stephane also shared the same as well as an updated brochure
- ✓ The parent engagement is the key to this program

OLD BUSINESS:

This group should re-visit reaching out to the Districts to see what specific programs are offered by Child Find (who is Cindy's replacement?). Jay Owens may be able to help get some district involvement. – Christine Reached out to Peggy to follow up with Dr. Weisman, School Based Mental Health Collab – Lisa reached out to

Put Dr. Weisman in contact with Donna Snyder-White – done Donna reported that she has been in Contact with Dr. Weisman and he is very eager to work with us in helping

SCHC will help connect to child care centers to make sure they are following the most successful guidelines. Host Trainings for CCP

Narcan – working towards no copay – in process

Will talk offline about hosting ADHD task groups for Child Care Providers – in process

Need to reach out to Literacy Delaware – in process

Partner Updates

- Readiness teams are hoping to get active again in Sussex County and partner with them. They are working on projects to roll out. Barbara will be facilitating. They want to work with organization and partner at their events.
- Delaware Teacher Academy serves students that wants to become teachers. New programs going into schools now most have K-12 or Early Childhood. Many districts have opted to drop their early childhood program and picked up the K12. Woodbridge, Laurel, IR, and Seaford are good examples of this.

Meeting Adjourned:

*****Next SECC / ELAT Meeting: Time, Date and Location Change: This meeting will be combined with the DECC Meeting*****

LOCATION: University of Delaware Cooperative Ext.

16483 County Seat Hwy

Georgetown, DE 19947

TIME: 10:00am to 12:00 noon

DATE: Thursday, September 20th, 2018