

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



August 27, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Easter Seals Conference Room, 22317 DuPont Blvd, Georgetown, DE 19947 - 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Welcome & Introductions:

Chairman, Christine Hoeflich-Olley, opened the meeting with a welcome and group introduction. Motion was made by Melody Bush to approve the June Meeting minutes and seconded by Rita Hovermale.

Attendees: 13 total, 4 First Time Attendees

To Do:

- Send ideas for Community Outreach Recipient for December 2019
- Cheryl will reach out to Mary Moor to secure the speaker for Jan 2020
- Michelle Spencer will connect with Lori Hurst-Farrell to join a monthly Stand by Me call discussing programming in colleges.
- Cheryl will reach out to Pat Heineman with University of Delaware and Kim O'Malley to present at the October meeting.
- Cheryl will follow up with Mary Moor to confirm speaker for Jan 2020.
- Get materials and pledge cards ready for Christine's DECC/SECC presentation on September 18th.

Guest Speaker:

Lori Hurst-Farrell, Financial Coach Stand by Me, Delaware Early Childhood Center

Discussion Points:

- Stand by me is a free statewide program that helps residents of Delaware with financial management through one on one coaching.
- It is not income based.
- They will do workshops for organizations for free.
- They partner with other agencies to help their clients with savings, money management, finding a job, developing a budget, buying a home ect...
- They can pull your credit report and help you improve the score.
- They partner with multiple agencies to reach the community members statewide.
- They offer and "Mind over Money" Workshop.
- The College, Careers and Cash Program is offered in colleges.
- Michelle from T.E.A.C.H. is interested in connecting

Delaware Goes Purple Campaign

Cheryl Doucette shared information about the “Delaware Goes Purple” Campaign for 2019.

Shared information about History of this campaign and the current need for organizations and businesses to “Go Purple”. Cheryl shared dates for the Chris Herren event and materials for sponsorships.

CoIIN Update

Cheryl Doucette shared an update for the ECCS CoIIN Grant.

- HRSA conducted a site visit in August
- This grant is going well. HRSA was happy with our progress

Group Discussion:

→ The group helped craft talking points for Christine to use in her report out for the upcoming SECC/ DECC meeting on September 18th – Sussex Update:

- Highlight partnerships – Westside, T.E.A.C.H.... ect.
- New Castle County Director are now meeting using the Sussex group as a model and best practice, this shows expansion.
- Delaware Goes Purple update (Share Pledge Cards and materials with the group)

→ Confirm Speakers for 2019

- September – Christine will report out for the group at the DECC/SECC Annual Meeting at the University of DE Cooperative Ext. on September 18th.
- October – Emergency Preparedness / Fire School Presentation – SCHC will reach out to Pat Heineman with University of Delaware and Kim O’Malley.
- November – Brain Injury Association of Delaware – confirmed – Kristy Handley will present.
- December – Holiday Celebration – Give back to the Community-Christine will collect ideas for a project. January 2020 - Fetal Alcohol Syndrome – Mary Moor will connect us to Kelly Stanley.

Partner Updates Group Discussion

- Bridge Clinic shared updated brochures
- DAEYC and TEACH and WAGE\$ shared information about Springfield College track and programs. It is on-line and TEACH does provide funding for this program.
- DAEYC shared information about the Child Development Associates (CDA) Program. This certification is portable and recognized out of state. Colleges offer credits for this certification. They need Professional Development Specialists (PDS). They pay a \$100.00 Stipend offered.
- DAEYC is having a golf outing and needs golfers to participate. At Newark Country Club in New Castle. They also have raffle tickets to sell.
- Westside Family Health had a very successful event.

Meeting Adjourned

Next SECC/ELAT Meeting: September 18th, 2019 at University of DE Cooperative Ext., Georgetown from 10:00 to 11:30pm
- Date Change due to the DECC/SECC Annual Sussex Meeting.