

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



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**Meeting Minutes -February 27, 2018**

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Easter Seals, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, called the meeting to order.

Motion to approve minutes made by Tom Atkinson, motioned was seconded by Linda Chantler, minutes were approved as presented. Cheryl read the SECC and ELAT Mission Statements for the committee members.

**Attendees:** Robin Bucci, Christine Hoeflich-Olley, Donna Snyder White, Toni Dickerson, Mary Moor, Daphne Evans, Janet Hickman, Anne Atkinson, Tom Atkinson, Karen Schreiber, Melissa Walter, Christine Stoops, Stephanie Wagner, Linda Chantler, Melody Bush, Schlonn Hawkins, Hannan Cassidy, Dr. Michelle Shaivitz, Diane Frentzel, Kim Blanch, Cheryl Doucette, Lisa Coldiron, Nancy Burris

**Action Items:**

Donna Snyder-White will send a copy of her 211 presentation to SCHC – done.

All committee members were invited to share pertinent events with Donna to post on Delaware 211, and with Nicole of the Attorney General's office. Donna will send contact information for Nicole at AG's office. Done.

Committee members were asked to share successful partnership/wins from participating with SECC-ELAT at the March meeting.

Diane Frentzel will send SCHC the Making a Difference Conference Flyer to share.

Karen Schreiber will reach out to Kim K. and Dr. Susan Bunting about presenting to this committee. Done.

Schlonn Hawkins to send the link for the newsletter to SCHC.

**Guest Speaker: Donna Snyder-White, Delaware 211**

**Phone: 302-416-4777; Email: dswhite@uwde.org**

Donna asked the committee to name a couple of milestones as an adult. Marriage, birth of child, graduation, etc. She then asked the committee to name a couple of milestones matter to little kids? Kids are born as a blank slate, open to anything and everything. When you have a learned habit, it's hard to retrain the brain to unlearn a habit. Milestones that matter, depend on what the parent or caregiver think matter. Delaware 211 is about connecting folks to resources that assist in reaching milestones.

- Supports the community by working collaboratively statewide to help Delawareans in need by connecting them to appropriate resources that lead.
- 211 is a crisis prevention organization. Get support early to prevent crisis and every day needs. 211 information and referral system, partner information needs to be constantly updated, M-F 8am to 9pm, warm handoff.
- Sussex County: 80% of calls need financial/utility assistance; also provide resources for homelessness, government, health, public assistance.

- Early Childhood, Early Learning focus (prevention). This room has one of the most important jobs, preparing the little kids before they get to kindergarten. Work that you are doing in schools and before/after school care. Get the funding for early intervention. Social, emotional, and behavioral health for all kids.
- Help me Grow, new: 211 center access point. Training on ASQ. (Ages and Stages Questions). Continuous quality improvement NEW screenings support, direct or over the phone, care coordination, referral, follow up. Identifying and issues that may need support.
- New app is much more user friendly and does not use cell phone data. Website is now mobile friendly. Website can be access by cell phones. Guided search, subject matter titles. To have you event posted, please share information with Donna. Calendar of events, send to Donna Snyder White.
- Provider Portal tab: allows the provider to input the data themselves, very easy, add information, submit for review. 211 data base is an easy way to research for resources. Live updates.
- 211 Counts Tab: pushes out data to the community. Zip code, school districts. Overlay 211 data with your data resources. US census data is available with 211 data, overlay with more data. 211.counts.org. Data is rolling 365 days, goes back to 2015 fiscal year.

How can SCHC help 211 to help you? If you know of resources that they don't know about, please share your information. Committee should share resources with 211. Connect with 211. Look in your specific service area, if you have a resource that is not on 211, please let Donna know. Smaller resources guide still available in print. Q: will there be a box for early child care provider? Home visiting programs search will assist with this search. Phase II updates are coming now. Jan was official lunch of Phase I.

New Assistant Director is going to be more visible in Sussex, working on community needs. Please share with Donna, your questions, issues, your successes.

**Early Educators Conference Report out:** Toni, Karen. Thank you to our sponsors. Brief update. 150 max, 142 registered, 130 showed up, 12 no shows. Very diverse group. More details at the Director's meeting.

**ECCS ColIN Update:** Tomorrow ECCS ColIN Team will shift from Cohort A to Cohort B. Accomplished a lot in the first year. Next meeting Cheryl will update the committee.

- Reviewed information from Jamie Walko, information and referral form. Often people are not comfortable with the referral form. Only as good as the data we collect, county and state wide. What systems do we have in place to collect data, what needs to be tweaked so data is more accurate? Three trainings coming up, see handout attached to minutes for details.
- If this committee would like Jamie to come back, we can arrange it. Past training was completely full. Need for continual ASQ training (at least 15 people, SCHC will facilitate the training). 2<sup>nd</sup> part, advance training, what to do with the results. Reach out to Jamie Walko or SCHC if you are interested in the 2<sup>nd</sup> training. Forward to Hannah, email on ASQ handouts.

### **Review Member Goals for 2018**

Identifying potential partnerships. Talk about your organizational goals. Think about for the March meeting, when you think about this committee. Wins that you have had in the last year, 2017. What were some successes. What do you see as two of the most pressing issues, what do you deal with in your world that need to be address in the community as well? How can this committee move forward together to reach common goals?

### **Partner Updates:**

- Diane Frentzel:  
Kindergarten folder updated information, getting ready for kindergarten, available in English and Spanish. Key information for school district. Contact Diane to receive copies or order on line from: Delaware Readiness: [www.delawarereadinesssteas.com](http://www.delawarereadinesssteas.com). She also talked about the Kindergarten readiness book, (Dover area). Children's picture book to get parents and kids ready for kindergarten.
- Shout out to Peggy for awesome work, and her team for being a Sussex Champion.
- United Way Update:  
Schlonn asked if you have something to share on 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading level, please send to United Way of Delaware. Populate sub committees with SCHC to distribute to committee Members. She will re-send. Send link for the newsletter, we will share.

### **Reviewed proposed guest speakers for March through June: *(Subject to change)***

Paulina Gyan – March, Speakers Bureau Update, available speakers, ColIN Update

April Dr. Susan Bunting/Kim Krzanowski, Karen will reach out to Kim.

May: Belvie, she is not responding on her availability. Christine to reach out in March

June: Mary Moor, Project Launch, SCHC to confirm.

Opioid Addition and how does it affect the kids? Good resource: Leslie Newman/Dr. Mullen, Children and Families First.

No meeting in July. Speakers for August, Sept, Oct to be discussed in May and June.

Q: Any providers changing policies and procedures regarding active school shooter? Robust committee discussion. March 17<sup>th</sup>, training. SCHC to provide the flyer. Talk to the kids, try to keep your brain straight and think clearly. The sounds you hear during an active shooter are confusing as well. Mock drill. What happens if? Invite the LEO's, state trooper web site, community outreach officers will come and present to your group.

As an organization, can we come up with a plan on how the effects the kids, good mental health. Most of the active shooters come from divorced homes and are Caucasian. A small group can be a big voice. What can we do as a group of early educators, no one with good mental health goes and shoots up a school. Hire more mental health professionals at the school level. Fall: connectivity of information. How do we have the safeguards in place to share the information and not violate HIPPA regulations.

What do we want our collective voice to say as early educators? What do we want our goals to be? Committee would like this to be an ongoing discussion. Q: Is deaeyc looking at this? Not currently, maybe later. Advocating for resources for early learning. Prevention is the biggest return on investment that you can have. Early prevention is the key. How do we get the data on prevention?

### **Meeting Adjourned:**

**Next SECC/ELAT Meeting will be March 27, 2018, 10:00 am to 11:30 am, Easter Seals in Georgetown.**

**Save the Date: Pre-Registration Required**  
**SCHC Quarterly Meeting -April 19, 2018**  
**8:30 am to 11:00 am**  
**CHEER Community Center -20520 Sand Hill Road**  
**Georgetown, DE 19947**