

Torrington Early Childhood Collaborative/TECC Steering Committee Minutes

Meeting Held Thursday, January 21, 2016

Called to Order at 6:02p.m. by Mary Cecchinato, Co-Chair

In Attendance: Donna Labbe/TECC & Torrington Public Schools, Elaine Hanscom/TECC, Mary Cecchinato/Torrington Child Care Center, Cindy Guerreri/William Casper Graustein Memorial Fund, Michelle Anderson/EDUCATION CONNECTION, Cheryl Klockzo/University of Hartford, Donna Farr/Head Start, Anne Giordano/EDUCATION CONNECTION

Items Discussed:

Outstanding Work- The group continues to work on a TECC sustainability plan. There is a draft talking points document in progress that outlines who we are, what we do, how we do it, and to what end. Today's work continued the review of existing models of operation for others doing similar work in early childhood education in CT, to help answer the question of how do we want to operate moving forward beyond the William Casper Graustein Memorial Fund's Discovery initiative (funding from WCGMF is being discontinued June 30, 2016). Eight different model options were explored, seven selection criteria were identified, and the options were scored on a point scale. The highest scoring options identified were to operate as an independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization or to merge with an already existing 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Budget-Current detailed expenditures were reviewed. A Sustainability Self-Assessment will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Next Steering Team meeting scheduled for February 23rd at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Elaine Hanscom, TECC Secretary