



VERNON SCHOOL READINESS COUNCILS
Draft Minutes of Regular Meeting
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Members Present: Stephanie Grant, Latrice Grumley, Peggy Stickel, Michelle Hill, Chrystine Longley, Lisa Matulewicz, Tina Gladden, Mae Lavoye, Nichole Herman, Shahla Zarinejad, Renee DaSilva, Allison Altieri, Betsy Crayton, Stephanie Broce, Karen Giangregorio,

Guests Present: Kathleen Krider, Laura Bradshaw, John Bradshaw, Franklin Meunier

Welcome and Introductions

Presentation by KidSight USA/Lions Club Volunteers: Overview of the mission of the organizations, screening process, and demonstration of the vision screening for children ages 6 months and up, the Council will discuss plans to implement the screening in community childcare settings and follow up on proposal to the public schools to have children screened at schools

Community Needs Assessment Survey: Conducted by Community Outreach personnel from the ACCESS Community Action Agency: Council participated in survey by request of ACCESS to assist them in gaging knowledge of services available to the Vernon community, results of the assessment will be shared with the Council in early spring

School Readiness/PDG Updates: All SR and PDG slots are full as reported by Vernon Public Schools and the YMCA, Pre-K developmental screenings are being held monthly at different elementary schools, process for program referrals was discussed and agreed, parents will make contact with the Pupil Services office at Central Office for registration, applications for next fall are being taken now and the "lottery" will be reinstated in April with notifications going out to families in early May (2017)

Council Co-Chair Update – the \$15,200 from the state for the Council to utilize in an administrative function will be used to hire an outside monitor of programming to ensure quality components are being met.

Birth to Eight Coordinator Update – The letter drafted by the Local Early Childhood Council Network (LECCN) that was sent to the interim Director of the Office of Early Childhood regarding the value and impact of local councils, to the point that they also are the connectors between the OEC and the work getting done statewide. An update on the new Transitions Team was provided along with details on the inclusion of preschool teachers and neighboring communities, coordinator also shared that the position became full time (35 hrs. a week) the previous week. Kindergarten registration planning and implementation is getting underway, new marketing materials are being created and once the new Director of the Office of Family, School. And Community Engagement is on-board (March start is projected), the process will be over by staff under that office.

Member Updates: ECHN announced the start of the next Circle of Security , The ECHN Perinatal Group shared that all pre-birth classes and care are open and available here in Rockville at the hospital, signage was discussed and formerly used sign may be available, currently in storage. The Rockville Library may be joining with Hartford Public Library in a grant focusing on immigrants and will provide further information at the next Council meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Allison Altieri