

Children First Norwich / School Readiness Council Meeting Minutes ~ January 17, 2006

Attendance: Debbie Kievits, Sheila Hayes, Hugh Campbell, Anne Jerome, Sheila Skahan, Linda Massey, Pat Kornacki, Beverly Goulet, Veronica Granger, Heather Borritz-Moore, Ida Parker, Debbie Poirier, Rebecca Grills, Cheryl Egan, Lynn Depina, Anne Krodel, Angela Duhaime, Elaine Fitzgerald, Mary Broderick, Keith Ripley, Duncan Profitt, Sherry Filiatreault.

Norwich School Readiness

Anne reported that we are waiting for the results of our State evaluation in October. It is expected that we will receive the RFP for the new grant period shortly and that the Provider Forum plans are proceeding.

One on One

One on One training will be held at the dime on January 19th a team of 10 from Norwich will be there. A listening Campaign will be planned.

FAST Program

Sherry reported that the grant writing part of this program is in process. The program is to take place at Greeneville School. The grant RFP is due in January and we should receive a response in March or April.

Truck Day

Sherry reported that the date for Truck Day is April 28th. The event will be held at Three Rivers Community College from 10-2. The committee is meeting on a regular base to create a list of address for event, how to make money, vendors, flyers, and letters to be sent out. If you know of anyone that should be invited to this event as a truck display or vendor please contact Sherry

Discovery Grant 2007

This CFN meeting was about the GMF grant and going over what was written. The committee met once and reviewed the grants twice before bring it back to the larger board. All suggestions were put into the grant. Thank you for all the hard work that went into this grant. It was not only submitted early but we were the first grant in with all the information needed.

Mary Broderick led the group in the beginning of the next William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund grant cycle, for 2008-2009. The trustees of the WCGMF wanted to take advantage of the current favorable climate towards early childhood initiatives and harness the potential energy politically. They want to continue to build capacity in communities, strengthen the commitment, and tighten the net. To that end, we need to look at the 2006 Community Assessment Tool, decide what we've done well and can capitalize on, look at what still needs work and develop action plans to address these issues. Some items we are currently addressing are: acquiring more local funding, broadening the scope of the Council, working with state legislators, collecting, analyzing and using data effectively, making effective changes in practice and policies.

Advocacy work group

Has decided to have a legislative breakfast January 31st. At the Norwich Senior Center a power point was created for this meeting. The advocacy group is meeting to set the agenda.

Work groups

Due to the GMF grant and how long it took to go through the grant the work groups did not meet after the meeting. Advocacy and the truck day work groups have been meeting regularly to work on their projects.

Next year's meeting dates are:

At the Dime Bank
290 Salem Turnpike
Norwich, CT 06360

February 21st 2007
March 21st 2007
April 18th 2007

May 16th 2007
June 20th 2007
July 18th 2007
NO August meeting
September 19th 2007
October 17th 2007
November 21st 2007
December 19th 2007

Please mark your calendar