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Vital Communities ECE Initiative

Advocacy Workgroup Meeting

Friday, October 27, 2023

9:30-10:30 am

Here are the [minutes](#) from the last meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

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ECE Initiative Purpose of the Project- North Star

The goal of the Early Childhood Education Initiative is to facilitate an increase in high-quality, accessible, and affordable early childhood education in the bi-state Upper Valley area.

Advocacy Workgroup North Star:

- Advocate for policies and investments to support the increase of high-quality, accessible, and affordable early childhood education in the bi-state Upper Valley by supporting ECE campaigns and engaging a broad range of stakeholders.

Agenda

- Introductions and Icebreaker
- Susan Titterton, VTAEYC, attended the Workforce and Program Models meeting on October 23rd *VT ECE as a Profession*. Based on that conversation, Joanne will be scheduling a meeting with Susan, ELNH, SCAN, ECEA, Moms Rising, ME/NHAEYC, Tammy Hazlett, Sunnie M.(?), NH Advisory Council, to talk about building a set of goals focused on NH ECE
- Update from Mom's Rising
- Strategic plan for Week of the Young Child April 6-12, 2024
 - What activities/events should we plan to be a part of in NH and VT
 - What activities/events should we plan individually
- ECEA Board of Directors role in ECE Advocacy update
- PHC Legislative Bi-State meeting November 6th
- What actions can members complete over the next two weeks
- Other business
- Next meeting Friday, November 10, 2023 9:30 a.m. (On the calendar, this is a day off for Veteran's Day- should we reschedule?) No meeting on November 24th Thanksgiving Weekend; Meeting on December 8th

Meeting Notes

In Attendance

Anna Hubbard

Joanne Roberts

Tammie Hazlett

Susan Titterton, VTAEYC, attended the Workforce and Program Models meeting on October 23rd VT ECE as a Profession

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 - Goal of this group is to move NH forward
 - Replicating LGK doesn't make sense because it took decades to build it up

Strategic plan for Week of the Young Child April 6-12, 2024

- What activities/events should we plan to be a part of in NH and VT?
- What activities/events should we plan individually?
- Anna and Joanne will create a document based on notes from last Week of the Young Child and bring it to the next Advocacy meeting
 - Joanne and Anna to host an in-person dinner halfway between everyone to connect

ECEA Board of Directors role in ECE Advocacy update

- Joanne does not represent the ECEA board, but she is a part of it
- What needles in the haystack does ECEA want to tackle?
 - Putting the board behind that work
 - Hoping to have a good sense of what legislative bills are coming up this year

LGK Tour Event

- Anna is working with Emilie T. to find a venue
 - Montshire Museum of Science, Thyme restaurant, Hotel Coolidge
- 5-6 legislators are planning on attending
- More of a celebration than a place for providers to get technical advice/information on the new VT legislation

Tammie wrote the letter Sara K. suggested she write about regulations that make it harder to run her business

- Asked Tammie to hold off on sending the email because there was something happening that might not need the nudge
 - But the thing that was happening is actually not, so Tammie is going to send the letter

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 10

- On the calendar, this is a day off for Veteran's Day- should we reschedule?
- No meeting on November 24th Thanksgiving Weekend

- We will send out a document to brainstorm Week of the Young Child 2024 and then meet on December 8th
 - Workgroup members should fill out the document before the December 8 meeting