



COLLABORATIVE FOR COLCHESTER'S CHILDREN

November 10, 2020

Leadership Work Group Meeting

Via Google Meet

1:00-2:30pm

Attendance: Teresa Messervy, Kate Byroade, Nicole Sargent, Cindy Praisner, Laurie Buyniski, Sue Hickey, Jennifer Rummel, Jeff Burt, Lisa Hageman, Brittany Manville, Sharon Wilinski, Ann Marie Maffuid

Partner Updates:

TVCCA - HeadStart still running 5 day program at CES, 15 enrolled, 11 in person, 3 virtual, 1 enrolling now, New staff member, Suzanne, Family Service Worker, Early Headstart 8/10 enrolled, no home visits, all virtual, some outdoors if possible. OEC COVID visit completed.

Cragin - Annual State report was filed. Recorded programs doing well for children's department, Teens and Adults seeing better results with live programs. New brochure to help parents select books by level in the Early Reader Collection. The National Library Association invited Cragin to apply for a grant to hold community conversations on race/social injustice. Grant application due 12/2, will find out 12/14 if it has been awarded.

CASTLE - 72 children in school age program to assist with distance learning/hybrid schedule, will see numbers go down as students return to full in-person schedule. PreK school day program has 1 opening.

CPS - Prek-5 returning to full time schedule on 11/12, maintaining cohorts. Schools are different than communities regarding spikes on COVID numbers. Concerned about addressing learning loss for youngest learners.

Backus Health - COVID testing offered in Colchester, even children and young babies. Applying for grant NACCHO, address trauma to prevent substance misuse, offering Circle of Security training for 60-65 individuals. L. Hageman taking on a new position at Hartford Healthcare, will find someone to replace her in the interim until her position is filled.

UCFS - will be one of the Circle of Security sites, currently seeing outpatient mental health patients via telehealth, some in person if needed.

C3 - Brittany on the front page of RiverEast for Volunteer of the Year recognition, Dawn LePage moved on to a full time position at Town Hall, Laurie Buyniski is the new assistant. C3 has been moved under Town Hall as a Town department, aligned with but separate from Youth Services under Mary Bylone. J. Burt requested SR and C3 budgets be separated to give more clarity and align with the way it is accounted for in the accounting office. Needed to spend approximately \$900 on laptop for Assistant, unanticipated expense but will use some of the unused programming money to cover the cost.

Strengthening Local Early Childhood Council Grant- C. Praisner discussed that this grant will likely be offered again and asked the group to think of how it could be used.

-Materials to support Family Place, library will look at virtual offering of the Family Place Training.

- YSS, family credential training for family engagement,
- C3 and others working with families- Search Institute Training
- ASQ kits - C. Praisner to offer PD for Center directors, help them understand the goal then open to their staff, get screener into community programs.
- C3 Marketing - new logo, ideas around nutrition & health materials,
- Prenatal series with breastfeeding, nutrition, early literacy; possibly work with WIC,
- Manchester uses 9,5,4,3,2,1 benchmark of what your child needs in monthly messaging, spotlight a fruit/veg, marketing campaign around nutrition & sleep, possibly cover printing costs.
- Marketing materials with QR code in Dr offices.
- CPS has registration packet for families, anything can be added to the bag, given out at central office.

Colchester Learning Foundation - decided to close 501c3 and offering remaining funds in the amount of \$1400. to C3. C. Praisner would like the group to consider options for using the funds to host a multi-generational event, possibly work with Senior center, YSS, and Rec as the goal of the organization was to educate across generations. Would like to honor this mission in the use of the funds.

Mission, Vision, Tagline - last spring the group discussed the 'why of C3' and translated it into a new logo, emphasizing home and empowering families. Would like to continue this work to refine mission, vision and tagline. J. Rummel, B. Manville, K. Byroade (if needed) volunteered to join the task force. Will recruit some more parents as well. C. Praisner will set a meeting for this group.

#Colchester4Kids - C. Praisner discussed creating the campaign to build momentum that Colchester is for kids, our community values & cherishes young children. Would like to highlight across organizations. Requesting members to join task force - B. Manville, J. Rummel, YSS, Rec and more parents, to work on this effort. C. Praisner will coordinate a meeting time.

Parent Council - C. Praisner discussed that the Parent Council will have a lead parent this year, \$500 stipend, to recruit members and coordinate meetings 2-3x per year. Purpose of the council is to keep parents informed and connected to C3, meetings will cover a variety of topics and may include an educational component for parents.

Upcoming meetings for 2020-2021 school year will be held on Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 pm

December 8

January 12

February 16

March 16

May 11

Submitted by:

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