



**School Readiness and
Child Daycare Grant**

City of Bristol, Connecticut

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Bristol School Readiness Council Minutes

November 7, 2012

Present:

Sue Moreau (Co-Chair), Anne Gobes (BOE), Donna Osuch (United Way),
Kim Carmelich (Parent and Child Center), Jessica Dunn (BHA),
Dave Mills (City Council) Karen Lombardi (WIC), Cathy Plourde (BBHD), Linda Rosado (Tunxis)

Excused: Valerie Toner (Library), Marci Arroyo (Wheeler Clinic), Coral Richardson (Providers), William Brownstein – (Co-Chair), Laura Watson (Parent) Linda Rich (FRC), Rita Gerzanick (Comm. Rep) Valerie Pelletier (HS)

Ex-Officio- Mayor Art Ward, Superintendent Ellen Solek

Present Non-Members: Allyson Schulz, Robyn L. Bugbee, Eileen McNulty, Shirley Anderson, Marilyn Lobaczewski, Renee Dailey,

Mary-Alice Petrucelli-Timek- School Readiness Grant Manager

The meeting was called to order at 12: 15 by Co-Chair Moreau

- *A motion was made to accept the October 3,2012 – motion seconded /passed*

Program Quality- Rita Gerzanick Chairperson

SR Grant Manager reported on behalf of the Chairperson

Presentation given regarding the evolution of the Lesson Plans from 2002 to the Early Learning Experience Plans 2012.

Health Committee- Cathy Plourde –Chairperson

Orange Nose Day was a huge success in Bristol and an easy way to bring public attention to prevention.

SR Grant Manager and Marilyn Lobaczewski met with Dr. Adeyinka and her staff to discuss early childhood issues in community. Obesity is a major issue in her practice and very interested in what is

being offered in the community.

Committee meeting focused on “Turn the Curve “exercise with Rebecca Tuttle to focus on health issues and goals for the upcoming year.

Next meeting Date- Monday December 3rd @ Shop Rite 1:00 -2:00

Governance Committee- Bill Brownstein M.D.

No Report

Community Outreach- Laura Watson

SR Grant Manager reported on behalf on Chairperson.

Presently there are 4 Videos on You-Tube- Steps to Kindergarten.

“Appetite for Reading” has 2 new locations- Parent and Child center and the Imagine Nation Museum Kindergarten exhibit.

Monthly Family Fun Nights are continuing at Friendly’s - November 14th and December 19th

New Idea- “Talk with me” Campaign- looking for alumni of PLTI or current PLTI classes to take on this project. Simple community-wide education to increase number of words children hear before they attend Kindergarten.

Special guest at meeting was Heather Hemphill- a PLTI graduate- whose project was the Family Fund Day in Terryville- Her event brought in 1,200-1,500 people to attend a family learning day. She also was able to get everything donated. She spoke to committee on how she went about making this so successful.

Grant Manager’s Report

Update SDE-

QRIS- Quality Rating Improvement System – first glimpse will be revealed in November 2012

ECTC- Early Childhood Teacher Credential- implementation will begin January 2013

One of our teachers has been chosen to be in a pilot program to see how system will work.

Parent Survey-We sent 186 hard copies of survey to SDE – unsure how many were done electronically.

Community Events

Director’s Forum- October 25, 2012 -Report

13 Center-based programs Attend (30 participants)

7 Organization that provided services to children

Number of preschool children served by 13 Center based programs **784**

Guest Speaker- Dr. Ellen Solek- Superintendent of Bristol Schools

Preschool Fair- November 7, 2012 morning session well attended.

Afternoon session cancelled because of weather.

Quality Enhancement Grant-

Grant Award Letter was issued by SDE

Provider’s Report

BPCCC – 87 FD/FY out of 106 FD/FY

INPLC- 103 FD/FY out of 103 FD/FY (capacity)

BOE – 120 PD/PY out of 120 PD/PY (capacity)

BPCCC- indicated they are reaching out to families to increase enrollment. They also have families in their CDC Program. The site that is under enrolled is School Street. They have offered incentives and

had articles in Hartford Courant and the Observer.

Suggestions- Set up table @ Parent and Child Center and WIC office. Work with WIC to reach out to their families.

Monitoring visits Reports:

Programs are doing well

Resignations

none

Appointments

none

Old Business

none

New Business

Reminder- Flu season is around the corner- get your Flu shot and remember all 4 year olds must have flu shot by December 31st or will not be allowed to attend preschool. (Religious exception allowed)

BBHC offers flu shots for children- walk in during specific hours or call for appointment.

Meeting Adjourned @ 1:00

Next Meeting: December 5, 2012

Respectfully Submitted

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School Readiness Grant Manager