

Early Care and Education Association

Meeting Date: 04/13/2021

Meeting Time: 4:00-5:06PM

Members Present: Amy Brooks, Faith Dubois, Donna Lake, Tracee Barden, Brenda Metzler, Jenn Hosmer, Janet Bauer, Deb Kerwin, Sunnie McPhetres, Vicky Fogg, Sarah Wright, Jenn Parker & Rachael Altman

Time	Topic	Discussion/Decision
4:00-4:13	Intros	Went around the zoom meeting room, everyone introduced themselves and discussed what their favorite flower is!
4:13-4:41	Donna Lake	<p>Donna Lake introduced herself and spoke about events coming up.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Question and Answer sessions coming up DHHS. This Friday April 16, 2021 is an absent due to CoVID session Go to nh-connections.org for COVID -19 updates 2. Prosolutions: new leadership trainings NH cares training - 5 hours for free. Unmasking a child care guide on site. 3. Collaborative meetings - focusing on specific issues/topics ex: covid, zoom meetings, challenging behaviours, etc 4. Progressive trainings/TA programs are offered at any time now 5. April training highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How Does Your Garden Grow? - Advocacy 101- What's Your Story? - (all these trainings are on the ECEA website) 6. Regarding Travel/Quarantine and CoVID Centers should refer to public health or state guidance. State of VT - can families enter centers? Really up

		<p>to the center. In VT, you no longer have to quarantine after travel if vaccinated, if not vaccinated need to quarantine for 3 days and test negative.</p> <p>Brenda M. attending guidance meeting for the state of VT on Thursday. If anyone has any questions for her to ask then they should email her. In NH - domestic travel, no restrictions. Centers need to meet or exceed state expectations regarding restrictions about travel/quarantine.</p> <p>7. On April 20, Deb Kerwin offering a training regarding Resiliency in the time of Stress due to CoVID. She will send out an email with more info.</p>

4:42-4:46	Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brenda Metzler attending Q & A session Thursday 1-2PM https://letsgrowkids.org/events/opportunities-to-ask-vdh-questions-for-leaders-of-vt-early-childhood-programs-1383 2. Senate passed H171 - 3 year bill https://ljfo.vermont.gov/assets/Publications/House-Bills/9948f75b63/GENERAL-354182-v2-H_171_Child_Care_Finance_Fiscal_Note-v2.pdf 3. Let's grow kids in VT - workforce Connection
4:47-4:56	Faith Dubois	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Had a training idea - helping children and families in times of COVID-19 /being resilient <p>Be Resilient - Shauna Hill training excellent for resiliency, How your reaction to child helps/hinders There is funding for a parent cohort so your center is all using the same language/lens. Offers strategies for regulation. Email Amy if you are ready for the family cohort after your staff has taken Shauna's training</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Work United is offering a 15 week class- Getting Ahead in the Workplace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Offers insight about how to get out of instability, livable wages, planning a

		future, etc . Will be offering \$20 gift cards
4:56-5:05	More updates from Amy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can meeting time move to 5PM? Will vote next month. 2. 8 CDA waitlist candidates can move forward, would like more centers to be involved 3. First Aid/CPR/AED instruction. ECEA can arrange in person training if interested 4. Train the Trainer cohort- Be Resilient 5. Provider Appreciation Day - buttons came in! Signs coming soon! Will be delivered soon. 6. Staff recruitment - Amy is developing a pre-apprenticeship program 7. ECEA facebook page - check for updates! 8. Outdoor Classrooms - Eliza & Amy have been developing a great cohort, working on trainings involving on site consults, staff going to outdoor trainings. 9. Retreat - Save the Date for June 26th Will be about Empathy Building - communication techniques for parent relationships. Please send Amy effective communication techniques (elevator pitches) 10. Hopefully by May 1 acquire4hire will be available in NH

5:06	Adjourn	See you next month! Tuesday May 11, 2021 at 4PM