

Branford School Readiness Council

September 18, 2020

Those Present are in BOLD: The following were present via Zoom due to COVID-19 **Dale Izzo, Carole Weisberg, Lauren Skultety, Robin Comey,** James Cosgrove Michele Krumenacker, Alison Tyliczszak, Diane Papacoda, Carley Lemire, Rachel Kalman, Vanessa Fleming-Reid 3:18pm, and Stephanie Linke.

Meeting was called to order by Dale Izzo at 9:35 am via Zoom.

There was not a quorum, so minutes from the July meeting and the special meeting was not approved or reviewed.

Carole gave an overview of the grant to date. We have been funded for this year fully, only change was July and August. BELC had full funding and FRC was decreased a little due to virtual learning. Currently both SR sites are back to their regular funding and have been operating with students attending in person, following all the necessary precautions. As of September 21st all children 3 and over are required to wear a face covering per the State of CT Governors orders. Class sizes still remain at the recommended size of 16.

The state has moved to the EMGS (Electronic Grant Management System). Our grant budget has been entered by the State. Carole has checked with other liaisons to see how they handle managing and where they have access to this system as a checks and balance to see that the dollars are being distributed to the sites. The council can talk more about this process. We have not gotten direction as of yet regarding the Quality Enhancement piece from the grant. Typically that amount is \$3881.

Lauren shared that the Branford School are running on a hybrid model and that they had a successful opening. There are some tech challenges, but they are working through them. Staff and students are happy to be back in person and have had a smooth transition at the elementary level. Their focus was to have the kindergarten students in person as much as possible, as they are attending 4 days per week.

Robin reported that BECC's news letter was sent out electronically. There is great information/stories with resource links about wearing masks and social distancing. The roundtables are on hold right now. BECC did not get the grant and they are waiting on possible OEC federal grant funding. The funding would focus on trainings with workforce development, Quality Care and expanding partnerships in the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15am:
The next meeting will be October 16, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Izzo
Carole Weisberg