

Child Poverty and Prevention Council Meeting

*Wednesday, October, 24 2012
1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Legislative Office Building Room 2A
Hartford, Connecticut*

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| I. | Welcome | 1:30 p.m. |
| II. | Approve Meeting Minutes of February 2012 | 1:35 p.m. |
| III. | Overview of the Economic Modeling Report | 1:40 p.m. |
| IV. | Children in the Recession Subcommittee | 1:50 p.m. |
| V. | Discussion of Early Childhood Education | 2:00 p.m. |
| VI. | Potential Recommendations | 2:30 p.m. |
| VII. | Next Steps | 2:45 p.m. |

Meeting Summary

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Wednesday, February 22, 2012

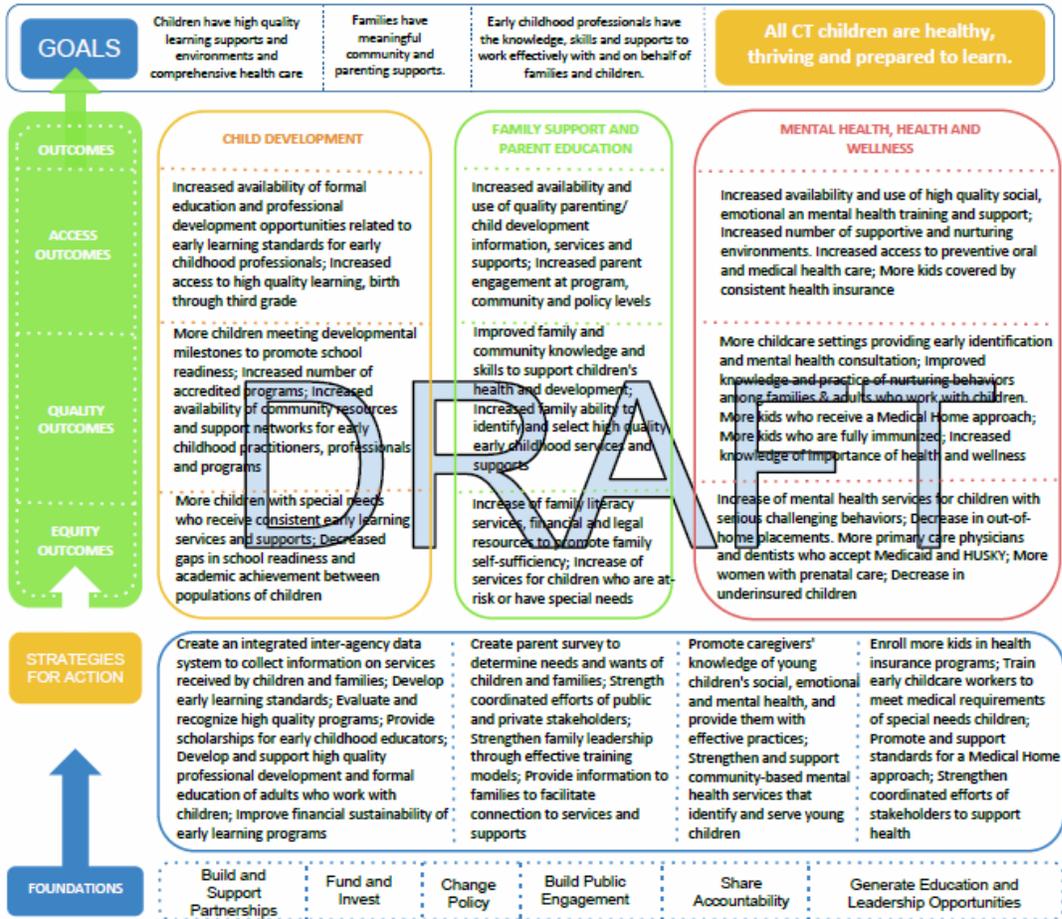
Members Present: Anne Foley (Chair), Peter Palermino for Claudette Beaulieu (DSS), Cheryl Resha (SDE), Lindy Lee Gold (DECD), Kim Somaroo-Rodriguez for Brett Rayford (DCF), Renee Coleman-Mitchell (DPH), Carol Meredith (DMHAS), Gregg Cogswell (Senate Republicans), Rod O'Connor for Terrence Macy (DDS), Pat Kupec for Monica Rinaldi (DOC), Faith VosWinkel (OCA), and Elaine Zimmerman (COC).

Members Absent: Mary Mushinsky (House Democrats), Lile Gibbons (House Republicans), Dennis King (DOT), Mark Polzella (DOL), Robert Kennedy (Board of Regents-DHE), Laura Amenta (CTF), Christine Keller (Judicial Branch), and Robert Brothers (CHRO).

Agenda Item	Action Taken
Welcome	The meeting was convened at 1:35 p.m. by Anne Foley. Members introduced themselves.
Approve Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2012	Peter Palermino moved approval of the January meeting minutes and Greg Cogswell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote.
Council Progress Report 2011	<p>The Chair reviewed the Council's Progress Report for 2012. Council members offered the following revisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Change "TANF leavers" to people who have left the TANF program - page 33• Delete "or informally by just not attending school" under 4-d on page 39 <p>Elaine Zimmerman moved approval of the 2012 Progress Report with recommended changes offered by members and Peter Palermino seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote.</p> <p>The chair stated that the report will be transmitted to the Governor and legislative committees of cognizance by the end of the week. Members agreed to share the progress report with their legislative liaisons.</p>

<p>Children in Recession Subcommittee Update</p>	<p>Elaine Zimmerman reported on the Children in Recession subcommittee recommendations to bridge the mandates of P.A. 10-133 with the work of the Child Poverty and Prevention Council. The subcommittee and the Children in the Recession Task Force worked together to address the subcommittee recommendations. Recommendations for consideration include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council meetings should include a presentation by one agency and its actions and policies related to a specific topic in Public Act 10-133. • Community partners and other stakeholders should periodically participate in discussions to provide input on the implementation of the public act. <p>Lindy Gold moved approval of the Children in Recession Subcommittee recommendations and Cheryl Resha seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote.</p>
<p>Next Steps Process to Develop Long-Term Recommendations</p>	<p>Council members discussed different processes to develop its long-term recommendations. Proposed processes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage outside experts to offer recommendations. Discussions and decision making to take place at council meeting(s). • Create subcommittees with participation from advocacy groups to assist in the development of the council's long-term recommendations. <p>In light of limited staff resources and time constraints of members, all agreed to accept the first recommendation which is to engage outside experts in the development of the Council's long-term recommendations. Members stressed the importance of building on the results and recommendations of the economic modeling project. It was also suggested that the chair provide a review of the Urban Institute's Economic Modeling Report.</p>
<p>Governor's Budget Recommendations</p>	<p>The chair encouraged members to review, support and testify on any proposed bills relating to the work of the council. The chair will attempt to track and report to</p>

Next Meeting	members through e-mail on relevant proposed legislation. The next meeting of the Child Poverty and Prevention Council will be on Wednesday, May 16 at 1:30 p.m.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



The Connecticut Office of Early Childhood provides a FRAMEWORK that:

1. Reaches all children and families as early as possible, with needed services and supports.
2. Eases access for families and transitions for children.
3. Values parents as decision makers and leaders.
4. Ensures stability and continuity of services along a continuum from prenatal into school entry and beyond.
5. Genuinely includes and effectively accommodates children with special needs.
6. Reflects and respects the strengths, needs, values, languages, cultures and communities of children and families.
7. Catalyzes and maximizes investment and fosters innovation.