



Policy Council Meeting Minutes  
June 14, 2018  
by: Gillian Gines

Present: Felicia Cannedy, Emily Courturier, Samantha Denning, Jill Gines, Larry Hess, Larissa Hoolihan, Brandy Keeney, Rebecca Leitelt, Mary Mellberg, Shana North, Lynn Palcowski, Bethany Parent, Tonya Schroka, Dawn Sherwood, Ivy Toomey, Dena Vanderwall, Donna Wiklanski.

Absent: Jordan Abbott, Tiffany Belanger, Jennie Burd, Kristen Clark, Ashley Gaudinier, Stephanie Hindenlang, Melanie Hurst, Heather Johnson, Lisa LeDuc, Amy McCoy, Ashley Morey, Sue Oblinski, Jennifer Smith, Lizzie Stelzer, Katerina Wilson, Alyssa Woods

Meeting called to order by Tonya at 10:10am.

Tonya asked for a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes, Motion made by Mary, supported by Larissa, motion carried.

Tonya asked for a motion to approve sign in sheet for roll call, motion made by Mary, supported by Larissa, motion carried.

Quorum established.

John Stephenson, NMCAA Executive Director (retiring);

- ❖ Thanked parents past and present for their service on Policy Council.
- ❖ Spoke about a vacancy on the agency Board of Directors for Antrim Co.
- ❖ Shared NMCAA's new strategic plan

Kerry Baughman, NMCAA Executive Director;

- ❖ Shared her thankfulness to John for his leadership and shared her plan to utilize future time at Policy Council.
- ❖ Spoke about the community services calendar on NMCAA's web site

Dru O'Connor, Education Coach Manager:

- ❖ Shared progress towards child development goals for the Head Start program. Spring assessment information.

- ❖ Shannon shared child development information for the 0-3 home based program.

Shannon Phelps, Early Childhood Development Director:

- ❖ Spoke about the COLA, the reasoning behind Cost of Living Adjustments and discussed the opportunities to apply for a 2.6% permanent COLA increase this year, and the T/TA permanent increase for Head Start.
- ❖ The increases are as follows: HS = \$162,104, EHS = \$63,837, HS T&TA = \$19,830.

**Tonya asked for a motion to approve the submission of the request for the COLA and T&TA money; motion made by Jill Gines supported by Larissa Hoolihan, motion carried.**

Perinatal Depression Follow-Up:

- ❖ Munson Health Care in Cadillac offers a perinatal mood disorder support group, Baby Steps through Facebook.
- ❖ Shannon and Alicia shared information on this program.
- ❖ A video was shared, introducing Baby Step's online group.
- ❖ Postpartummen.com offers information on Paternal Postnatal Depression.

Diane Boyer, Recruitment and Health Specialist:

- ❖ Shared with members that she recognizes parents as the top promoters of NMCAA's Early Childhood programs.
- ❖ Parents were asked to help recruit for the program by hanging and handing out flyers in their communities.
  
- ❖ In-Kind hours can be counted for this process

Adjourn for lunch at 11:45

Reconvene at 12:26

Roll call was taken.

Personnel issues were discussed.

Motion made by Larissa to approve personnel issues, support by Lynn, motion carried.

Raffle # 5

Motion made by Larry to adjourn, supported by Jill, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:32

*NMCAA Head Start Vision*

helping people help themselves through staff, community and family partnership.