

Bristol Early Childhood Alliance

February 1, 2012

COMMITTEE STRUCTURES



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Alliance Committees Overview

Purpose:

- ▶ Share 5 Bristol committees working for our young children and families in Bristol.
- ▶ Are you currently involved? You may be doing the work already!!!
- ▶ Are you interested in joining a committee?
- ▶ What does our work look like?
- ▶ How will we measure our success? Bigger picture – William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund.
(www.discovery.wcgmf.org/)

Health Committee

Current members:

Cathy Plourde, Lori Vilcheck, Gail Zimmerman, Dr. Rosie Vojtek, Karen Lombardi, Marylou Grendziszewski, Mary-Alice Petrucelli-Timek

Purpose:

- ▶ Promote healthy lifestyles for children and families in Bristol

Current Work:

- ▶ Board of Education Food Service - options
- ▶ Community Gardens – at schools (Ivy Drive pilot program)
- ▶ Kern Park Project - trying to get interest in revitalizing park for walkthrough and activities (Ivy Drive Area)
- ▶ Intergenerational Events - “Stone Soup” reschedule date for Spring 2012
- ▶ Oral Health- collaborative partners - Tunxis Community College- Lincoln Technical College
- ▶ School Readiness Healthy Kids Week- April- focus community wide for preschool children

Meeting Time: Every 1st Tuesday at South Side School conference room 1:00-2:00

Contact INFO: Chairperson: Cathy Plourde - 860.584.7682

catherineplourde@ci.bristol.ct.us

Quality Committee

Current members:

Mary-Alice Petrucelli-Timek, Anne Gobes, Sara Castle,
Kim Carmelich, Doreen Stickney, Louise Demars

Purpose:

- ▶ Ensure all programs (center based /family day care/cultural resources) are implementing high quality curriculum and standards
- ▶ Ensure all program administrators are aware of current information regarding Early Childhood with research/community updates, etc.

Current Work: 2012 Directors Forum, family daycare curriculum training, membership in the Tunxis Community College Consortium

**Meeting Time: Every 3rd Wednesday at Parent and Child Center,
9 Prospect Street 3:30-4:30**

Contact INFO: Chairperson: Mary-Alice Petrucelli-Timek 860.584.7812 ext 148 maryalicepetrucellitimek@ci.bristol.ct.us

Program Quality Sub Committee

Members (SR program directors and consultants):

Rita Gerzanick, Coral Richardson, Marilyn Lobaczewski, Lauren Hull, Anne Gobes, Sandy Fowler, Jackie Coyne

Financial group: Robin Manuele, Bev Santos

Purpose: For SR Programs only

- ▶ Consultants reports – review on individual programs and classrooms
- ▶ Monthly review of financial expenditures

**Meeting Time: Every 2nd Tuesday at Board of Education
Auditorium 9:30-11:00**

Contact: Chairperson: Rita Gerzanick 860.583.4738

Community Outreach Committee

Current Members:

Laura Watson, Bill Fitzgerald, Linda Rich, Jessica Dolan, Lauren Hull, Valerie Toner, Rebecca Tuttle, Doreen Stickney, Kristen Varano, Coral Richardson, Michele Feeney Wallace, Heather Hemphill, Nickie Parent Mason, Mary Morales, Shanna, Renkavinsky, Rachel D'Agostino, Kristin Corbin

Purpose:

- ▶ Educate and inform families to support children' success in school/life
- ▶ Providing early education programs to the community
- ▶ Collaborate with other Bristol Alliance committees to help them promote their activities

Current Work:

- ▶ Family Learning Kits and Math Companion Workshops
- ▶ Presentation to PTA/PTO's
- ▶ Partner with Health Committee- Stone Soup Event and SR Healthy Kids Week
- ▶ Partner with Transition to Kindergarten Committee – all related activities

**Meeting Time: Every 3rd Tuesday, Bristol Public Main Library meeting room
10:00 – 11:00**

Contact: Chairperson: Laura Watson 860.583.8996 makingbristolbetter@gmail.com

Infant and Toddler Committee

Current Members:

Irene Ashe, Sandra Godin, Dr. Sue Harrington, Lauren Hull, Linda Rich, Rebecca Tuttle

Purpose:

- ▶ Promote high quality care for the families and providers of infant and toddler programs
- ▶ Promote high quality activities for the families of infants and toddlers

Current Work:

- ▶ Promoting committee work and developing strategies

Meeting Time: TBD

Contact INFO: Co-Chairperson: Lauren Hull 860.584.3435

lhull@bristolhospital.org Sandra Godin 860.585.3829

sgodin@bristolhospital.org

Transition to Kindergarten Committee

Current Members:

Donna Osuch, Mary-Alice Petrucelli-Timek, Valerie Pelletier, Valerie Toner, Ally McCarthy, Nicole Malvezzi, Kristen Cicchetti, Gary Maynard, Kim DiFusco, Jon Pose, Linda Rich, Louise Meusel, Doreen Stickney, Anne Gobes, Hannah Richard, Hope Helvie

Purpose:

- ▶ Provide a seamless transition to kindergarten for children, families, and schools
- ▶ Ensuring community commitment for getting all children ready for kindergarten

Current Work:

- ▶ Early Notification
- ▶ Parent Presentations
- ▶ Countdown to Kindergarten Event- Library and Imagine Nation Museum
- ▶ Fire Truck Ride Raffle
- ▶ Fire House Tour and T-Shirt
- ▶ Kindergarten Here I come Exhibit
- ▶ Electronic Signs
- ▶ Appetite for Reading
- ▶ Collecting assessments and forwarding to BOE for Kindergarten teachers
- ▶ Reviewing assessments of incoming K children by K teachers

Meeting Time: Every 2nd Monday 3:30-4:30 South Side School conference room

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Mary-Alice Petrucelli-Timek 860.584.7812 ext 148 maryalicepetrucellitimek@ci.bristol.ct.us

Committee Development

- ▶ Hand in your committee interest sheet to Rebecca
- ▶ By-Laws UPDATE
- ▶ Community Assessment Tool

- ▶ Wrap Up / Closure....by the end of today...
 - Have a shared understanding of each committee
 - Identify an interest in a specific committee
 - Next meeting March 7, 2012 1pm-2pm
 - Community Assessment Tool complete as a group

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Thank you to all who are working on “Making Bristol Better”!!

Our collective goal:
(Population Result)

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