

**Head Start Board of Education Subcommittee Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, June 20, 2024, 5:00-6:00 p.m.**

Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024

Time: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom

Meeting ID: 838 510 3130

Attendees: Mary Derwin, Director Head Start

Matthew Wilcox, BOE Head Start Chairperson

Vanessa Diaz Valencia, Director Early Learning

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Introductions /Announcements

Review and approval of May 16, 2024, Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Student Data

- Enrollment Report-final 23-24SY
- 190 students confirmed to return for the 24-25 SY

	Current Enrollment	Enrollment Percentage	Funded / Capacity	Vacancy
<u>ALL / Grantee</u>	459	85.88%	531	72
<u>New Haven Schools</u>	459	85.88%	531	72
<u>Dr. Mayo</u>	309	86.44%	379	70
<u>Fair Haven</u>	29	96.67%	30	1
<u>Lincoln Bassett</u>	17	100.00%	17	0
<u>Martinez</u>	53	98.15%	54	1
<u>Truman</u>	51	100.00%	51	0

OHS updates

- Grant award has not been received to date. The negotiations have ended. The program is responding to some clarifying questions regarding direct supervision and medical monitoring.
- CT Head Start Association meeting – July 24, 2024
- Head Start Family Survey- shared and attached

Updates:

- Status of meetings for next school year-Early Childhood vs. Head Start has yet to be finalized.
- Bed bug policy- Mr. Wilcox will request some samples from CABE

Finance

- Review Statements
All expenditures have been submitted for the 23-24SY.
- Pending Agreements
Head Start has agreed to extend the playground projects. A low-cost extension has been submitted with supporting documents for \$408,631.38 on Carry-over to be extended until 06/30/25.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Count of Respondent ID	Column Labels		
Program	English	Spanish	Total
New Haven	65	26	91
Total	65	26	91

Program	New Haven
Number	

How did you hear about Early Head Start / Head Start? (check all the apply)	Number	Percent
From a current or past Head Start parent	30	33%
From a Head Start staff person (e.g., home visitor, family advocate)	25	27%
Word of mouth	22	24%
Other ways	8	9%
Referral from a community organization	7	8%
Flyer in the community	10	11%
From my pediatrician or healthcare provider	8	9%
On social media (e.g., Facebook)	4	4%
Banner or lawn sign	9	10%
Email	4	4%

Program	New Haven
Average	

On a scale of 1 (completely unsatisfied) to 5 (completely satisfied), please rate the following aspects of our program. Select "N/A" for items that are not applicable to your family's program.	Average	# Responses
Quality of education	4.6	90
Home visits	4.5	54
Hours of operation / school day length	4.5	91
Safety of the learning environment	4.7	91
Communication from the program on my child's progress	4.6	91
Communication with my child's program	4.6	91
My child's developmental progress	4.7	91
Overall quality of Early Head Start / Head Start services	4.6	91

Program	New Haven
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How likely are you to recommend Early Head Start / Head Start to a friend or family member?	Number	Percent
Very likely	68	75%
Likely	13	14%
Unlikely	1	1%
Very unlikely	9	10%
Total	91	100%

Program	New Haven
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	Number	Percent
What are your family's biggest concerns? (Select up to 3 responses.)		
Financial / income	32	35%
Employment	17	19%
Housing	16	18%
Transportation	5	5%
Overall mental health and well-being	18	20%
Educational or job training	5	5%
Access to basic needs (e.g., food, clothing)	9	10%
My child's disabilities	13	14%
Other concerns	1	1%
Isolation from friends / family / community	3	3%
Marital or personal	2	2%
Medical or dental	1	1%
None / not applicable	37	41%
Total Responses	91	