

Small Group Discussion

Iris Rich-Women's League Child Development Center. Learning more about HCZ and grant opportunity.

Hector Glynn-Village for Children and Families. Took trip to meet with people at HCZ about a year ago with others from Village. Shared knowledge of grant opportunity.

Cynthia McKenna-Catholic Charities. Discussed what needs to happen in Htfd for a Zone to form. Collaboration is not easy. Some will have to give something up for the greater good.

Judy Goldfarb-Htfd Area Child Care Collaborative. Attended first meeting on 12/3 and also discussed the issues to be face with large scale collaboration.

Jennie Bruening-UCONN Husky Sport. Brought group together to attend HCZ conference in Nov. Runs programming in 3 elementary/middle schools, after school, and Saturday program in the North End with UCONN students as mentors.

Discussed modeling after HCZ. Phased plan over multi-years. Important that community propose a zone based on its needs and strengths. Proposals will take on identity of those communities, not exactly like HCZ.

HCZ uses ETO data collection and analysis to identify what services and how often those services are being used by community members.

In order for a zone to work in Htfd, we need infrastructure, leadership, a plan, and evaluation of outcomes.

No RFP yet, 50% local match, planning grant then full grant.

Important to consider neighborhoods, needs, resources already in existence, demographic indicators

Question on buy-in of Htfd Public Schools Superintendent

What do we need to know to make decisions on how to proceed:

- research/data

- define neighborhoods

- identify variables/indicators

- identify resources

- build collaborations (HPS, City, OYC, DSS, DPH)

Resources to consider-Alliance for Children and Families, Children's Trust Fund, Parent Information Board

Next steps: grow the group, agree on talking points, create areas of expertise within the larger group