Short introductions by everyone in attendance ended by Dr. Marijke Kehrhahn speaking as a representative the Neag School of Education, pledging the school’s support for the on-going efforts to replicate and implement the Harlem Children’s Zone within the city of Hartford.

Thank you to everyone for reading over the three documents sent via email:
• HCZ White Paper Summary
• Identification of Risk Factors within the City of Hartford according to Neighborhood
• List of participants/contacts working on this in Hartford so far.

Overview of the replication process thus far provided by Dr. Jennifer Bruening
• Attendance in November at the HCZ Conference in New York City
• Promise Neighborhood Grants – Through the Dept. of Education
• Hartford Area Meetings still on-going
  o Grant must be assigned to a Community Based Organization
  o Wrap-around services will require a commitment across disciplines, organizations, services, areas of expertise, and neighborhood boundaries
  o Identification of Risk Factors according to city neighborhoods
  o Aligning decisions with a city wide plan, political offices, and show of support from Mayor and Superintendent’s offices
  o Determining a cluster of neighborhoods to begin working within
  o Identifying resources, agencies, and community assets within the different neighborhood clusters

Promise Neighborhood Replication would require:
• Creation of a pipeline that maintains wrap around services
• Entire neighborhood buy-in. Families, Adults, Children
• Prenatal Care through College Graduation/Professional Employment
• Education
• Social Services
• Health and Human Services
• Economic
• Housing
• Environmental
Timeline:
• RFP may come out any day – 1 year planning grant
• $500 K Federal Grant that would require a dollar for dollar match
• Approximately 20 cities will receive this grant

Amongst the many important points raised:
• A community based organization has yet to be officially determined
• A partner to match the federal grant has yet to be determined
• Information on the grant will help to further dictate the scope of replication in so far as size of city, population, demographics, risk factors, necessary community assets
• Competition from other cities across the country
• Issue of School-Choice within the city of Hartford
• Not a pre-existing neighborhood plan that would trump/compete with this initiative
• Need to collaborate with other surrounding universities
• Operational Issues
  o Transportation
  o Student and Professional Training Necessary

Expectations:
• Long Term Commitment
  o Harlem literature suggests a minimum of 10 years before true change is witnessed as young children grow throughout a “pipeline”
• Need for a unified and strategic UCONN involvement
  o Identification of existing and relating programs
  o Evaluation oversight
  o Opportunities for research
  o Opportunities for student internships and placements
  o Outreach programming
  o Identification of relating grants in operation or on the horizon
  o Identification of additional personnel, programs, and organizations that could contribute