

**Stamford School Readiness Council Special Meeting via ZOOM**  
**Tuesday, July 13, 2021**  
**12:00pm**

***SRC Members Present:***

Dena Booker	SPS Family Resource Facilitator/ McKinney-Vento Coordinator
Olympia Della Flora	SPS Associate Superintendent, Superintendent Designee
Terri Drew – Co Chair	Director of Youth Services City of Stamford
Karen Feder – Co Chair	Director of Youth Services, ABILIS
Helma Gregorich	Senior Program Mgr./Clinical Supervisor, Parents as Teachers, Family Centers
Elizabeth McKay	Youth Services Librarian, Ferguson Library

***Grant Recipients/Advisors/Guests:***

Karen Cammarota	Grants Officer, City of Stamford
Mary Basso	Director of Child Day Care, CLC
Kendra Brown	Director of Early Childhood, SPS
Anita Carpenter	Grants Officer, City of Stamford
Lisa Cody	Assistant Director of Early Childhood, SPS
Anna Witkowski	Director of School Readiness, CLC

**I. Welcome/Quorum**

Karen Feder welcomed all. A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm.

**II. Agenda**

The meeting was called to approve the allocation of \$62,737 in supplemental COVID funding in accordance with the CT OEC Memo 35 (rev. June 14, 2021). THE OEC stipulated that local School Readiness Councils allocate a portion (up to the full amount) of the additional funds directly to the Liaison. Any remaining funds must provide increased supports to the Liaison to enhance monitoring with the goal of increasing program quality.

Karen Feder provided a list of additional activities undertaken by Donna Arcuri during the pandemic. Karen Feder and Terri Drew proposed paying Ms. Arcuri 25% of the total allocation, or \$15,864. The motion was approved unanimously.

Terri Drew presented a proposal developed in conjunction with Stamford Public Schools to provide classroom observation and monitoring to assist providers in understanding the effects of trauma on their students and to develop skills to help them address those needs. The process would consist of classroom evaluations, small group discussions and experiential reflection. The cost is \$37,053.

Kendra Brown presented a proposal to allocate \$10,000 for classroom observation/monitoring to promote phonemic awareness in their students.

Both proposals were approved unanimously. Pending OEC approval, the supplemental administrative funds will be expended as follows:

- SR Liaison: \$15,684
- Professional Development on the effects of trauma: \$37,053
- Phonetic Awareness training: \$10,000

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 pm.