



***United Way of Western Connecticut
Stamford Cradle to Career
Successful Children, Thriving Community.***

**Leadership Council Meeting: Minutes
June 22, 2016: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Harry Bennett Branch, Ferguson Library**

Attendees: Leadership Council Members and Guests, SC2C Management Team, UW CEO / Kim Morgan, Superintendent Connelly, and Mayor Martin

Purpose of Meeting: To provide a status report on Stamford Cradle to Career and engage feedback on how to assure success.

Recorder: Kelah Johnson

Agenda Item	Discussion	Time	Implementers
Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Collective Impact and StriveTogether’s (ST) Partnership • Summary of Stamford Cradle to Career work and community-wide goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Evidence-based decision-making and organizational change is based on data-driven outcomes to change the arc of education in Stamford ○ To understand what is happening to kids from Pre-Kindergarten through college we must collectively organize around indicators and data. ○ We are going to work together to look at children from prenatal to college attendance. 	10:30 – 10:45	Kim Morgan Mayor Martin Interim Superintendent Connelly facilitators
Stamford Cradle to Career: Information and Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of the meeting: To provide a status report on Stamford Cradle to Career and engage feedback on how to assure success. • Overview of what we have accomplished: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Management Team was formed two years ago. ○ United Way of Western Connecticut became the backbone support organization. ○ 2014 to Present – Met with hundreds of people across multiple sectors via one-on-one meetings and small group conversations. Core Leadership team was formed. ○ <u>October 2015 – Planning Retreat:</u> Resulted in formalized Work Groups on October 22 	10:45– 11:15	Kim Morgan, Mara Siladi, Bob Arnold, Jackie Lightfield Andy George Pam Koprowski



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>December 2015 – Design Institute (DI):</u> Collective Impact model, ST Partnership and using best practices nationwide were introduced to stakeholders in Stamford. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Important Note:</i> Regional team includes Bridgeport, Norwalk, and Danbury organizations which are using the same model. Regional teams strengthen communities through consistencies. ○ <u>Investment and Sustainability:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May 2016 – Regional team led by, Kim Morgan, is creating awareness of the Cradle to Career work with State agencies starting with a meeting with Commissioner Bremby and support from Department of Labor (DOL) on May 12. - June 2016 – Upcoming Business and Investors Network meeting to engage funders from corporate, business, and philanthropic sectors hosted by UW. ○ <u>ST Gateways report:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ST Exploring Gateway benchmarks and requirements have been completed. - June 13, 2016 – Civic Infrastructure Assessment and documented evidence submitted to ST National Network. - We have a call scheduled for ST review and recommendations next month. ● Report by members of each work table formed after the DI: Acting Executive Team, Communication Network and Data Network, and Community Task Force: each representative gave an overview of the work and the status of where each work group is at this time ● Community Action Network (CAN) Coordination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CANs are developed around six key outcome areas ○ The six CANs will be represented at the Implementation Team table by identified co-chairs. We have begun the process of engaging leaders, and identifying co-chairs and volunteers. ○ Training module is being developed. Training session is scheduled for August / September. ○ We will work to engage parents, youth, and immigrant community. They should have an absolute 		



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	<p>voice in defining this work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner Agreement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agreement among partners that there is a commitment to a common agenda and sharing of information related to the key outcome areas and related indicator measures. ○ Partners are willing to change how we do what we do. ○ <u>Please note:</u> Drafted Partner Agreement has been included in your packets as a sample. Final draft will be finalized and signed by partners in November. 		
<p>Table Activity</p>	<p>Results and analysis of responses will be shared no later than August 1, 2016. Responses to the following questions were collected for analysis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will we know that we are successful in this coming year? What will success look like? • How can you and your organization contribute to the success of Stamford Cradle to Career? Please include how we can adopt a mindset that embeds Stamford Cradle to Career into the fabric of our community? 	<p>11:15 – 11:45</p>	<p>Leadership Council Members and Guests, and Management Team</p>
<p>Next Steps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Baseline Report Card: In progress towards goal to have this done by Fall 2016. • Public Launch: <u>November 10, 2016 at UCONN</u> Mark you calendars! This is the next community launch, we plan to have a keynote speaker and introduce the co-chairs and work of the CANs. 	<p>11:45 – 12:00</p>	<p>Bridget Fox</p>

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