

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
SOCIAL EQUITY COUNCIL | Workforce Committee Minutes **(Draft)**

May 18, 2022
Meeting of the Workforce Committee

Location: Microsoft TEAMS

Committee Chair:

Members Present: Andrea Comer, Avery Gaddis, Niall Dammando for Kelli-Marie Vallieres

Members Absent: Ramon Arroyo, Kelli-Marie Vallieres

Staff: Ginne-Rae Clay (SEC), Komla Matrevi (SEC), Crystal Morris-Crenshaw (SEC), Maureen Brierton (DECD), Isabelle Wechsler (OWS)

Call to order Meeting was called to order at 2:03pm

Chairwoman Comer asked for a motion to approve the April meeting minutes.

Motion made by Avery Gaddis

Seconded by Niall Dammando

All in favor – All

Opposed – None

Abstentions - None

Chairwoman Comer turned the meeting over to Niall Dammando for presentations related to the workforce development training programs. The presenters were CSU, Sacred Heart University, and the University of New Haven. Discussion ensued.

A presentation on the criteria and rubric was provided by Isabelle Wechsler. During the presentation Isabelle discussed the following:

- Removing the threshold for applicants to qualify for a license.
- Expanding the focus on disproportionately impacted areas. A priority should be placed on training and employment.
- Work plans should be track through training and through employment.
- For the rubric scoring, the change would be to grade on applicant instead of a point range grading.

Discussion ensued.

Niall requested the committee recommend the changes to the criteria and rubric to the full Council for consideration at the June meeting.

Motion – Avery Gaddis

Seconded – Niall Dammando on behalf of Kelli-Marie Vallieres

All in favor – All

Opposed – None
Abstentions – None

Niall Dammando gave an update on the position for a workforce development manager.
Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Avery Gaddis to adjourn the meeting
Seconded by Niall Dammando
All in favor – All
Opposed – None

Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm