**January 2017 Training and Education Update: September – December 2016**

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* 7 candidates have been enrolled in the August –November Instructor Training Course. (Israel, Denmark and 5 from various parts of CT). 6 have successfully completed the course and achieved PATH Intl certification. We have one remaining candidate who is anticipated to complete her teaching hours in January

**November**

* PATH Intl Conference
  + High Hopes again had booth at the international conference in Williamsburg, VA to promote High Hopes and Training and Education opportunities
* Equine Affair – W. Springfield< MA
  + High Hopes staff participated in working at the PATH Intl Region One booth over the 4 days of the Equine Affair - opportunity to promote High Hopes Training and Education offerings as well as volunteer opportunities.
* ESMHL (Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning)
  + 20 individuals attended the workshop and skills testing, two of the multiple portfolio components required for PATH certification
* OSWC (On Site Workshop and Certification) for therapeutic riding instructor

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* + 18 candidates attended workshop, certification and/or both

**December**

* One Registered On Demand Certification completed

**January 2017**

* 2 Registered On Demand certification candidates scheduled for January 5th
* 3 ITC candidates scheduled to begin the course January 18th (2 from CT and one from CA)

**New Workshops and Courses being offered this fiscal year:**

* Equus Effect –we will be hosting the Equus Effect Facilitator Training January 22-25, 2017 for outside individuals. One additional High Hopes staff member will attend as well.
* Beyond ESMHL (Equine Specialist in mental Health and Learning) – Next Steps! … a two-and-a-half-day workshop has been developed and will be hosted by High Hopes in April. This is a custom workshop designed to assist PATH Equine Specialist Certified Individuals in expanding their knowledge and experience in the areas of equine assisted learning and/or psychotherapy.

**Other Business:**

* 2016-2020 Training and Education Business Plan completed
* Johnson & Wales University in Providence has delayed the planning/approval process to offer a ‘Specialization in Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies’ originally targeted for the fall of 2017. We will host students here on January 12th for a review of EAAT and lesson observation and expect to continue this process with their equine students.