

Commission on Child Care

October 22, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Note: These meeting minutes are presented in draft form and have not been formally approved by the Commission on Child Care (CCC) due to the absence of a quorum. They remain subject to amendment and official adoption at a subsequent meeting where a quorum is present.

Meeting Location

Remote: Teams Meeting

Mission

To advise the County Executive and County Council on the development of government policies, programs and services that enhance community support for high-quality, affordable and accessible child care

Attendance

Members Present (Remote)

- Elka Forbes
- Melissa Jordan
- Maya Massey
- Eden Medhanie
- Bill Polman
- Nagwa Rizk
- Lesley Romanoff

Members Not Present

- Jennifer Arnaiz
- Tracey Clay
- Yvonne Iscandari
- Laurie Moran

Proof of Quorum

The Commission did not have quorum

Staff Present

• Erin Stillwell, ECS,HHS

Guests

No guests were in attendance

Handouts

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Call To Order

Melissa Jordan, co-chair, called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm

Welcome and Introductions

Elka Forbes, co-chair, conducted roll call and invited any guest to introduce themselves; no identified guests were present

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The CCC reviewed the meeting minutes from the October 1, 2025 meeting. No amendments were proposed. However, the minutes could not be approved due to the absence of a quorum.

Meeting Minutes Agenda Items

- 1. HHS Committee Roundtable with BCC Policy Priority Presentation
 - a. Elka Forbes and Melissa Jordan will be presenting CCC's FY26 Policy Priorities at the County Council, HHS Committee meeting on October 23, 2025
 - b. CCC reviewed the final draft of the FY26 Policy Priorities
- 2. Discussion and Preparation for Mental Health Advisory Committee and Council President Stewart's mental health roundtable scheduled for November 4, 2025
 - a. Staff sent survey to CCC asking them to "rank" priorities areas as related to mental health and the child care workforce
 - b. CCC discussed priorities and agreed upon top two priorities that will be shared with the MHAC and CP Stewarts at the roundtable
- 3. Review and Edit of CCC Workforce Report: Transforming Workforce Solutions in Child Care: Lessons Learned and Pathways Forward
 - a. Commissioners were asked to continue reviewing and editing the document in preparation for the November 19th CCC meeting
 - b. Final version of the report will be agreed upon at the November 19th meeting and used at the 2024-2025 CCC Annual Report

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on November 19, 2025 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm; the meeting will be held on Microsoft TEAMS

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm