



**Montgomery County Commission on Child Care
Full Commission Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, December 16, 2020
6 pm-8 pm**

Meeting Will Be Held Via Microsoft TEAMS Videoconference/Teleconference

A link to the meeting can be found [here](#) or you can dial in using the following criteria: 1-443-692-5768, Conference ID: 314 906 108#

The mission of the Commission on Child Care is to advise the County Executive and County Council on the development, implementation, and effectiveness of government policies, programs, and services that enhance community support for quality, affordable and accessible child care.

6 p.m. Call to Order and Opening (Sybil Philip)

- **Chair Calls the Meeting to Order** (*Sybil Philip standing for the CCC chair, Lindsey Allard Agnamba*)
 - L'Ornya: facilitator
 - Sybil: timekeeper
 - Tracey: guardian
- **Roll Call** (to determine quorum-Erin)
- **Introduction of Sherry Tsigounis, MSDE Deputy Branch Chief, Montgomery County, Office of Child Care**
- **Introduction of Guests (if present)**

***Any guests participating via videoconference or teleconference please unmute and identify yourself (name) at this time*

***Reminder about CCC meeting hosted via Microsoft TEAMS*

6:15 Review and Vote on November 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes (sent electronically)

6:20 Commission Business:

Review and Discuss:

Provide feedback to the County Council and County Executive on both the Early Care & Education Initiative (ECEI) Action Plan and Montgomery Moving Forward's "Roadmap for Developing a Public-Private ECE Coordinating Entity" in an effort to support the County's child care system response and recovery with a specific focus on equity and operational recovery.

Work Plan Draft Proposal: We drew from Year 2 priorities from Montgomery County Early Care & Education Initiative Action Plan 2020 and will also draw from MMF's proposed models.

- **Sustainability:**
 - Reduce costs of training and professional development for early educators
- **Access and Affordability:**
 - Review the Working Parents Assistance Program (WPA) need and usage, align eligibility rates with the State Child Care Scholarship (CCS) (subsidy) and streamline the application process. Reformulate WPA process and usage and examine WPA funding for "seats", creating contracts with early education programs.
 - Expand WPA and provide more families with child care subsidy supports by improving access to families within 350% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and then incrementally increasing the income eligibility.

- Use State CCS and WPA to subsidize costs for low-income parents to fill Child Care in Public Space (CCIPS) vacancies.
- Develop a public awareness campaign in multiple languages to fill and sustain vacant slots in child care programs: center-based and family child care through utilizing WPA funding and additional funding
- **Alignment:**
 - Align Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), Child Care in Public Space (DHHS) and Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF) child care application, selection and re-bid processes.

Process: (L’Ornya to lead and Sybil to keep time)

- (5 mins) Read: Look at the ECEI action plan goals that were selected (above)
- (3 mins) Introduce: The above are our proposed aligned goals from the ECEI action plan. They represent the activities for FY 2021 that the County will move to action on, and the CCC can work to support these goals by providing stakeholder perspective, sharing additional information, or developing guidance or recommendations (or other activities as deemed valuable by the CCC)
- (4 minutes) Discuss: How are these consistent with our priorities and last year’s recommendations? How do they line up with what we know is important for COVID recovery, for equity, for other considerations?
- (24 minutes (6 mins each)): What are the most important next steps for the CCC to know, how can we find out more about what the County is doing RE: implementation, what are strategies and tactics that may be MOST helpful or IMPORTANT for our work around this goal? Who can and will lead us around our action on this goal?
- (4 mins) Reflection: What do we still need to do, what’s left so that we can be in “action mode” as soon as 2021 is here?

7:00 pm Review and discuss MMF Draft Recommendations

Process: (Tara to lead and Hashan to keep time)

- (3 mins) Read: Look at the documents from MMF if you haven’t yet
- (3 mins) Introduce: These are the recommendations that MMF will be making to the county in early January
- (5 minutes) Discuss: What stands out to you? How does the CCC show up (or not)? What resonates about the three models proposed? What questions or concerns do you have?
- (6 mins): Is there an opportunity to give feedback here? Is there a response from the CCC and if so, who is leading the response? FYI: Tara attending a meeting focused on equity and ongoing stakeholder engagement tomorrow (12.17) to represent the CCC
- (4 mins) Reflection/Next Steps: How does the CCC see ourselves setting a goal that is in alignment with where the coordinating entity is heading in the county? What should be our actions?

7:30 Discussion/Questions on Updates (if submitted)

- Yvonne Iscandari
- Barbara Andrews
- Bill Polman

7:40 Questions/Comments from Guests Attending Meeting

7:50 Next Steps/Action Items (Erin to record)

- Work plan development (to include our best sense of activities, roles, and outcomes) – who is available to work on this prior to the next meeting? 2-3 people would be ideal.

8:00 pm Full Commission Adjournment

Pre-Work: Please review the following

- [Montgomery County ECEI Action Plan](#)
- **Montgomery Moving Forward Documents:**
 - [Roadmap to Recommendations](#)
 - [Update on ECE Public-Private Coordinating Entity Project \(12.2.20\)](#)