



Commission on Child Care Meeting Summary-*Approved* January 16, 2019

Members Present: Lindsey Allard-Agnamba, Dr. Barbara Andrews, Michelle Belski, Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta, L'Ornya Bowie, Hashan Chowdhury, William Hegwood, Yvonne Iscandari, Jess Kelley, Ed Krauze, Sybil Philip, William Polman, Laura Seminario-Thornton and Verna Washington

Members Absent: Pamela Dunn, Carl Eggleston, Keneisha Roberts, Greg Smith and Greg Stevens

Guests Present: Mónica Ortiz (DHHS), Michael Subin (Office of CE), Jennifer Rooms (Parents of Preschoolers, NIH)

Staff Present: Erin Stillwell (DHHS) and Sarah Wilch-Spamer (DHHS)

Michelle Belski, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Introduction of New Commissioner Members

- Verna Washington, newly appointed designee from MCPS
- William Hegwood, newly appointed Business/General Public Representative:

Meeting Summary: Review and Approval of November 28, 2018 Meeting Summaries; amend attendance as Hashan Chowdhury was absent from the meeting

ACTION: Motion to approve the meeting summary from November 28, 2018 as distributed; amendment made to attendance

Motion by: Hashan Chowdhury

Seconded by Ed Krauze

All in Favor

Discussion: Extend Invitation to Councilmembers to Attend CCC Meeting

- Erin will reach out to councilmember staff and schedule appointments
- ½ hour appointment slots (Councilmember Glass and Councilmember Albornoz; then Councilmember Jawando and Councilmember Friedson)
- CCC will create general talking points to bring to meetings

Review and Vote on Educational Flyer for County Council

- Amendments were made to language in the flyer

ACTION: Motion to approve the CCC Educational Flyer; flyer was approved with amendments to the language

Motion by: Ed Krauze

Seconded by Lindsey Allard-Agnamba

- All in Favor

Review of Educational Flyer for general public (graphic flyer)

- Commission will continue to review the rough draft of this flyer and make recommended changes
- Lindsey and Hashan offered to work on the graphics of the flyer

Champions for Children Event

- CCC will have a table at the event to gather child care experiences from families in attendance
- Brainstormed ideas on ways to interact with families: “tell your child care stories”; one on one interviews; have a card that families can write their experience
- Have information on hand about CCC to educate families

Regional Network Competency Based Framework

- Barbara will lead stakeholder engagement discussion in February (will also be done with ECCC, associations, etc.)
- The Regional Network will develop questions to share with stakeholders

WPA/Subsidy Update (Yvonne Iscandari)

Effective May 2018 State increase its subsidy, and in August 2018 State increased income levels

Timeline of communication for families transitioning to the State

9-14-18	MSDE sends out letters to both the customer and provider on behalf of WPA
10-10-18	WPA sends out closure letters to the customer and provider as a reminder of the deadline date of Oct 31, 2018 (English & Spanish)

10-23-18	Extension letters sent out to the customers and providers informing them of their new deadline date of Dec 1, 2018 (English and Spanish)
11-8-18	Reminder letters sent to customers (English & Spanish)
11-15-18	Staff began calling customers who still hadn't applied with the State.
11-21-18	Closure letters sent to the customers and providers
12-13-18	Final letters sent (English & Spanish)
1-2-19	Cases closed in eICM

Status update on transitions:

- Approximately 42 families and 65 children in the WPA
- Of the 514 families referred to the State Subsidy program, 321 have been approved; some pending; some denied; some did not apply
- Recently started issuing Supplements to match the WPA benefit amount for families that have transferred to the State

Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF) Update (Bill Polman)

- Formal statement released from CUPF on MCPS/CUPF rebid process
- The Before/After School Child Care rebid process (via ICB and CUPF) has been temporarily suspended
- No timeline has been provided at this point; looking to possibly make the process a procurement process; no decisions have been made at this time
- CCC will send a letter to Ramona Bell-Pearson requesting to be involved in the process

Early Childhood Coordinating Council (Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta/Monica Ortiz)

- MMF attended the meeting to present their Priorities Document (concrete action steps from Call to Action)
- MMF will be revising the document and resending (will disseminate to the CCC once received)
- CCC representation to the ECCC and how to align the work b/w the two commissions; have a liaison from the CCC to sit on the newly developed ECCC executive committee

Policy Officer for Early Care and Education (Monica Ortiz)

- Draft recommendations from the Kirwan Commission

- The report will not be taken up by the State Legislator this year; no report has been drafted at this point

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Joint Committee Meeting (Public Policy/Programmatic Issues)

- Discussion about CCC's involvement in Champions for Children
 - Have families write their "stories" about child care
 - Have the flyer and a matching card (for families to fill out)

Next Meeting Agenda:

How will CCC respond/recommend to WPA and Kirwan Commission recommendations?