



## **Commission on Child Care Meeting Summary April 18, 2018**

**Members Present:** Barbara Andrews, Michelle Belski, Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta, L'Ornya Bowie, Hashan Chowdhury, Carl Eggleston, Sybil Philip, Laura Seminario-Thornton, Greg Smith and Greg Stevens

**Members Absent:** Lindsey Allard-Agnamba, Pamela Dunn, Yvonne Iscandari, Jessica Kelley, Ed Krauze, William Polman, Claudia Simmons and Dr. Mayme Williams

**Guests Present:** Mónica Ortiz (DHHS) and Mike Subin (Office of the County Executive)

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

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Greg Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

### **Chair's Report Out from BCC Annual Meeting with County Executive**

- CE answered questions about strategic plan

### **Discussion about SB379/HB430 (State Child Care Subsidies Bill)**

After discussion, it was agreed upon that the CCC will not respond as a commission (commissioner can respond and individuals)

### **Vote for CCC Chair/Vice Chair**

Current nominations: Greg Smith for Chair; Michelle Belski for Vice Chair  
No other nominations so vote by acclamation

**ACTION:** Motion to have Greg Smith serve as the chair (2<sup>nd</sup> term) and Michelle Belski serve as the vice chair (1<sup>st</sup> term)

Motion by: Rosalba Acosta

Seconded by: Greg Stevens

All in Favor

### **Discussion about future commission meeting structure**

- CCC will move both committee meetings (executive, public policy and programmatic issues) to the same night as the full commission meeting (typically the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month; with exception of July, August and December)
- Executive committee will meet from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m., committees will meet from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. and full commission will meet from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m.

(this schedule would be subject to change with the addition of guest speakers)

- CCC will build in an alternative meet date in the event that a regularly scheduled meeting is canceled due to a weather emergency

### **Updates**

- **WPA/Subsidy** (Erin Stillwell for Yvonne Iscandari)
  - 613 families on WPA
  - 890 children on WPA
  - Program has cleared the waiting list (181 children/127 families were removed from the waitlist)
  - Supplements have been issued to families on the State program with children age 0-8
- **Early Childhood Coordinating Council** (Mónica Ortiz)
  - ECCC had a meeting on April 18, 2018
  - Reviewed Pre-K Research Report that was recently sent to County Council; as well as some of the Kirwan Report
  - Pre-K Expansion Idea (Presented by Dr. D. Collins): Concept of creating regional centers (MCPS building that would be built out for Pre-K space, other Title I programs and training centers)-nothing has been finalized at this point
  - JoAnn Barnes shared information on the CE budget
  - Viewed the MMF early care and education call to action video; some concerns about footage used was not developmentally accurate; would like the opportunity to provide feedback and offer ways to improve
  - State ECAC report out was discussed
  - Discussed future meetings for liaison groups (CCC/ECC); formulated questions for possible future conversation
- **State Early Care and Education Update** (Barbara Andrews/Mónica Ortiz)
  - Children's dental bill has stalled
  - Green cleaning products bill-not passed
- **County and State Budget Development** (Barbara Andrews)
  - Today (4/18/18) was the first session for joint ED/HHS committee re. budget
  - Committee members look at all of the budget pieces that apply to their committees (create reconciliation list)
  - Subsidy cut money and MC scholarship fund were added to the reconciliation list
  - Councilmember Navarro shared concerned about the readiness gap with children who are Latino and living in low income communities; looking at ways to support family child care providers
  - Monica Ortiz shared that councilmembers would like more data on outcomes on providers, how many are accessing the services of the R&R, etc.
  - Monica also shared that school health is expected to receive some additional funds to support expansion of head start classrooms

### **Announcements**

Carl Eggleston, Office of Child Care, shared recent retirement of licensing specialist, Deborah Brown; also shared that OCC is currently going through a State audit; shared concern about staffing agencies (temps) for child care programs as far as background checks

Michelle Belski shared that OCCD (Organizations of Child Care Directors) had a meeting with Councilmember Navarro (Michelle Belski also attended). Council Vice President Navarro shared that funding for early care and education needs to be an economic imperative as well as a moral imperative; need to have a thoughtful campaign about ways to have support funding stream

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.