



Commission on Child Care Meeting Summary September 19, 2018

Members Present: Michelle Belski, Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta, L'Ornya Bowie, Hashan Chowdhury, Jess Kelley, Ed Krauze, Sybil Philip, William Polman, Laura Seminario-Thornton, Greg Smith and Greg Stevens

Members Absent: Lindsey Allard-Agnamba, Dr. Barbara Andrews, Pamela Dunn, Carl Eggleston and Yvonne Iscandari

Guests Present: Mónica Ortiz (DHHS) and Kimberly Rusnak (Children's Opportunity Fund)

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

Greg Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

Chair's Updates

- Chair's meeting with HHS Director on September 24, 2018: Greg Smith and Laura Seminario-Thornton will represent the CCC at this meeting
- BCC Chair's Policy Priorities Roundtable on October 22, 2018: Michelle Belski will represent the CCC at this roundtable

Meeting Summary: Review and Approval of June 20, 2018 Meeting Summary

ACTION: Motion to approve the meeting summary from June 20, 2018 as distributed

Motion by: Greg Stevens

Seconded by: Michelle Belski

All in Favor

Commission Updates (Erin Stillwell, Staff Liaison)

- Membership Updates: conducting interviews of new applicants; recommendation memo needs to be submitted to the CE by October 5th be considered for appointment by Mr. Leggett; CCC would like to re-advertise the vacancies via the BCC Office

- New parliamentary procedures training has been released; Erin will send link to the full commission; upon completion of training commissioners can send certificate to Erin

Updates

- Early Childhood Coordinating Council (Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta)
 - Meeting was postponed due to holiday; will be rescheduled for September 26, 2018
- State Early Care and Education (Monica Ortiz)
 - State ECAC will be meeting this week;
 - Dr. Corbin from University of Maryland will present new 4 yo preschool curriculum
 - Steven Hicks will be discussing the Preschool Development Grants (PDGB-5)
 - Kirwan Commission (Full Commission) will be meeting on Friday; time permitting the full commission will review the recommendations of Workgroup 1 (Early Childhood Education)
 - Early Childhood Education Workgroup is making some changes to their recommendations (updates will be published in their workgroup notes)
 - The Quality of Care Study roll out presentation to the child care community will take place on September 25, 2018; other presentations to follow for other stakeholder groups
- WPA/Child Care Subsidy (Erin Stillwell for Yvonne Iscandari)
 - OESS sent multiple notifications to both providers and parents informing them about the rate and income level increases to the State Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP).
 - Notifications also informed providers and parents that families on the WPA Program that qualify under the new CCSP income level must transition to the State program.
 - OESS, in collaboration with the Sate CCSP, is working to ensure children/families who now qualify for the State Subsidy have a seamless transition to the State program.
 - OESS sent notifications to both providers and parents, informing them about the WPA Program rate increase effective September 1, 2018.
 - OESS is currently determining how Supplements will work moving forward.

Public Policy and Programmatic Issues Committees (meeting from 7:45 to 8:20 p.m.)

The next Commission on Child Care meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m. at the Early Childhood Training Center