



Commission on Child Care Meeting Summary October 18, 2017

Members Present: Barbara Andrews, Michelle Belski, Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta, L'Ornya Bowie, Carl Eggleston, Yvonne Iscandari, Jessica Kelley, Ed Krauze, Sybil Philip, Laura Seminario-Thornton, Greg Stevens and Dr. Mayme Williams

Members Absent: Lindsey Allard-Agnamba, Hashan Chowdhury, Pamela Dunn, Diana Holzberger, Claudia Simmons and Greg Smith

Guests Present: Williams Polman (CUPF)

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

Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM.

Minutes: Review of meeting minutes from September 20, 2017

ACTION: Motion to approve the minutes from September 20, 2017 as distributed
Motion by: Greg Stevens
Seconded by: Sybil Philip
All in Favor

Recommendations for Annual Report: Discussion and Vote

- Public Policy Committee and Programmatic Issues Committee presented their recommendation for the annual report
- Copies of the recommendations were circulated electronically to the full commission on October 16, 2017

ACTION: Motion to approve the recommendations for the annual report as distributed.

Motion by: Greg Stevens
Seconded by: Michelle Belski
All in Favor

Full Commission Meeting with Councilmember Craig Rice: Planning Discussion

- Ask for clarification about his comment on daycare vs. quality early care and education
- Link to video and prior questions drafted for Councilmember Hucker's visit to be sent to the CCC to assist in drafting questions for Councilmember Rice; questions to be reviewed at exec/committee meeting on 11/1/17.
- Invite association leadership, ECCC member

- Will host in larger room (Training Rooms 1003 &1004)

Discussion and Vote on CCC Letter to HHS Director

- Letter to HHS Director will be tabled until after the ECCC meeting on October 26, 2017
- CCC will revisit the status of the letter at the next full commission meeting

Updates

- **Early Childhood Coordinating Council** (Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta)
 - ECCC will meet on October 26th
 - Michelle Belski will represent the CCC in Rosalba's absence at the October 26th meeting
 - Chair and Vice Chair have been elected (Michelle Green, Chair/Charlene Muhammad, Vice Chair)
- **State Updates** (Barbara Andrews)
 - Kirwan Commission continues its work; a formal report has not been released to date
 - CCC staff will send link to Kirwan Commission to full commission
- **WPA/Subsidy** (Yvonne Iscandari)
 - **WPA**
 - To date: 480 children/326 families on waitlist (children age 0-12)
 - 167 children (aged 0-5) have been moved off the waitlist into the program
 - HHS goal is to move 200 children off the waitlist into the program by the end of the year (2017)
 - These 200 children will have maximized the amount of funds that were appropriated
 - **State Supplement**
 - 543 families to be issued a supplement based on list from MSDE for children age 2-5

Announcements

- OCCD has created a FB page
- OCC: closer to putting complaints on CheckCCMD (once testing is completed)
- OCC: providers should be getting staff to sign form for CJIS clearance (OCC will send out the form in an E-blast to providers)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.