



Commission on Child Care
Full Commission Meeting-Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2021-Approved
Virtual Meeting Held Via Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Barbara Andrews, Gearline Bryan, L'Ornya Bowie, Tracy Clay, Allison Fialkov, Elka Forbes, Will Hegwood, Brandon Howard, Yvonne Iscandari, Jennifer Penrose, Tara Phillips, Bill Polman, Nagwa Rizk, Lesley Romanoff and Verna Washington

Members Absent: Lindsey Allard-Agnamba and Laurie Moran

Guest Present: Sarah Wilch-Spamer (DHHS)

Staff Present: Erin Stillwell (DHHS)

Meeting Called to Order: Tara Phillips, rotating chair, called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

Introduction of Newly Appointed and Confirmed Commissioners:

Dr. Gearline Bryan, Allison Fialkov, Elka Forbes, Brandon Howard, Jennifer Penrose, Nagwa Rizk and Lesley Romanoff

Review and Vote of September 22, 2021 meeting minutes

Action: Motion to accept the minutes from the September 22, 2021 meeting

Motion: L'Ornya Bowie

2nd: Tracey Clay

Full vote taken via roll call: all in favor

Review and Vote of FY 22 Policy Priorities

Action: Motion to accept the FY 22 Policy Priorities as written

Motion: Dr. Gearline Bryan

2nd: Tracey Clay

Full vote taken via roll call: all in favor

FY 22 Policy Priorities Presentation to HHS Committee of County Council

- A representative from the CCC will present the policy priorities to members of the HHS Committee on November 17th
- Will Hegwood and Tracey Clay agreed to represent the CCC at this roundtable

Overview of the Early Childhood Education Initiative (ECEI) Action Plan (Dr. Barbara Andrews)

- CCC decided to examine the “**Sustainability**” section of the action plan at the November 17th meeting; will look at “sustainability” as it applies to the recovery process.

- **Updates/Report Out**
 - Yvonne Iscandari, Administrator OESS
 - New WPA rates will go into effect in November; will increase the income level to 425% of the Federal Poverty Level (from 350% previously)
 - WPA portal is in the Beta testing phase; portal will be in multiple languages and will assist families applying for WPA
 - Bill Polman, Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF)
 - Some child care programs housed in elementary schools have closed; enrollment is down in most programs
 - Trying to find ways to support those programs who are located within schools in high FARMS areas
 - Currently are 2 schools that need a child care program on site; and 2 schools that have not yet been built and will need programs

Next Steps/Action Items:

- Circulate final draft of 2020-2021 Annual Report for feedback from the CCC (Erin)
- Review the “Sustainability” section of the Action Plan prior to the November 17th meeting (all commission members)

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm