



**Commission on Child Care
Full Commission Meeting-Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2022-**APPROVED**
Virtual Meeting Held Via Microsoft Teams**

Members Present: Barbara Andrews, L’Ornya Bowie, Allison Fialkov, Will Hegwood, Yvonne Iscandari, Brandon Howard, Tara Phillips, Nagwa Rizk, Lesley Romanoff, and Verna Washington

Members Absent: Gearline Bryan, Tracey Clay, Elka Forbes, Laurie Moran, Jennifer Penrose and Bill Polman

Staff Present: Erin Stillwell (DHHS)

Meeting Called to Order: Tara Phillips, rotating chair, called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm

Roll Call (no guests present)

Review and Vote of January 26, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Action: Motion to accept the Will Hegwood

2nd: Lesley Romanoff

Full vote taken via roll call: all in favor

WPA and State CCSP Update (Yvonne Iscandari)

- Number of children/families receiving WPA (to date): 293/186
- Number of children on State Scholarship receiving Supplements (to date): 1,200
- Pilot waiver program/Proposed change to COMCOR (Code of Montgomery County Regulations) that would allow children who are not US citizens or documented residents to be eligible for WPA benefits; holding children “harmless”

Brief Presentation on CCC Leadership and Committee Structure (Erin Stillwell)

Call for Nomination for Chair and Vice Chair

No nominations were received at this time. CCC members are encouraged to nominate themselves or a fellow commissioner to serve as the chair and/or vice chair in the upcoming commission year. Nominations can be sent to Erin Stillwell prior to April meeting. Election is slated to take place on May 25, 2022.

Commission Discussion: Maryland Blueprint Pre-K and Review of Feedback from March 9th Community Forum on Pre-K

State and County Legislative Updates (Dr. Barbara Andrews)

- State Child Care Package to include the following bills: HB 89 Child Care Stabilization Grants, HB 725 Therapeutic Child Care Program, HB 993 Child Care Capital Support Revolving Loan Fund, HB 995 Child Care Scholarship Program, HB1100 Child Care Providers and Employers-Bonuses
- HB 513 Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health also in the works with less funding than originally anticipated

Announcement/Comments:

Dr. Barbara Andrews: ECS Child Care Support Services will be hosting two additional community forums on the topic(s) of Workforce/Compensation (April) and Access and Affordability (May); additional information and registration links will be sent to CCC once available

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm