



COMMISSION ON CHILD CARE

Meeting Summary September 17, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Andrews, Rossana Espinoza-Thorndahl, Hillary Fitis, Nuri Funes, Mary Gies (staff), Michelle Green, Diana Holzberger, Brigid Howe, Linda Janulis, Edward Krauze, Bernadine Occhiuzzo, Nicole Queen, Shaun Rose, Monica Sanchez, Claudia Simmons, Tamiaka Thomasson, Barbara Warman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta, Sandra Cortez, Pamela Dunn, Carl Eggleston,

GUESTS PRESENT: Vivian Yao

Michelle Green called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

WELCOME: The Commission welcomed its new members and announced that a new member orientation took place at 6:00 PM.

ACTION: The Commission voted to approve the summary of the July 16, 2014 full Commission meeting summary.

ACTION: Special election to elect Michelle Green as Chair and Hillary Fitis as Vice Chair of the Commission.

CHAIRS REPORT: Focus on the 2013-2014 Annual Report/Discussion and editing. Brigid to do a final comma check and then ready.

ACTION: Shaun made a motion to accept Annual report with edits and final comma check; seconded by Nicole; Approved.

Introduction: "Despite the location or type of real estate the core value should be the delivery of quality child care"/ Discussion of letter to County Executive and County Council on Child Care and Public Space specific to draft CUPF regulations for before and after school care and revision of letter.

ACTION: Motion to approve letter with edits – Diana, second – Brigid. Approved.

There are Council members interested in the Council holding a public hearing on the CUPF draft regulations. Action will likely happen before second week of December. October 30 is the HHS/ED joint committee meeting.

Results of chair and vice chair election announced
Thank you to Mary Gies for her service to the Commission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Programmatic Issues: Editing recommendations for the annual report and the CUPF regulations letter

Membership: Follow-up on vacancy

Public Policy: Focus on letter to Council on draft CUPF regulations

NEW BUSINESS:

Debrief – Shaun to draft top two Commission priorities for County Council 10/16 and Public Space

Michelle to draft information on priorities for Community Budget Forum 10/20

Michelle to attend Boards and Commissions Quarterly Leadership Meeting with Uma 9/29 6-8 pm

UPDATES:

Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) – Bernadine reported that the ECAC met for the third time for a facilitated discussion with Stacie Goffin (early childhood author and strategic planner) help membership work through vision and goals.

WPA Workgroup – Tamiaka (in parent role) reported that a second report will be released soon – being reviewed by Uma and JoAnn – meeting with them on 9/25. The group has tried to be creative concerning funding and the issue of the program needing more funds. Considering creative ways to increase funding.

State Early Childhood Update – Barbara A. shared information on the new Federal pre-K expansion grant funds/Maryland is applying and MSDE hopes to use funds (if received) for non-competitive grant applications from qualified child care center providers.

Maryland Family Network – Forum for gubernatorial candidates in early October/ Regular meetings to resume after the forum.

Announcements:

Barbara W.- Maryland Head Start Association Annual Conference to come – will forward information.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.