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AGENDA ITEM #13
July 12, 2022
Introduction/ Action

SUBJECT

Resolution to designate the Children's Opportunity Alliance of Montgomery County as the County's Early Care and Education (ECE) Coordinating Entity

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Suspension of Rule 7(c) allowing introduction and action on a resolution on the same day.
- Vote expected on whether to adopt a resolution to name the Children's Opportunity Alliance Incorporated as the County's Early Care and Education Coordinating Entity.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

On February 15, 2022, the County Council enacted Bill No. 42-21, Child Care – Early Care and Education Coordinating Entity – Established. The bill recognized that ECE is an essential service and economic imperative for the well-being of the County's children, families, employers, and the greater community.

The legislation requires the Council to designate a single nonprofit corporation as the County's Early Care and Education Coordinating Entity and establishes guidelines for the designation. The legislation also establishes the role of the Coordinating Entity convening stakeholders, developing priorities, and supporting the development of an equitable, robust system of high quality, accessible and sustainable ECE focused on children from birth to 5 years old.

The Council will consider whether to name the Children's Opportunity Alliance Incorporated as the County's Early Care and Education Coordinating Entity.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- Bill No. 42-21, Child Care – Early Care and Education Coordinating Entity – Established authorizes the Council to designate a single nonprofit corporation as the County’s ECE Coordinating Entity by resolution. The Executive must approve the resolution, but the Council may readopt the resolution with six affirmative votes if the Executive disapproves it.
- On July 1, 2022, the Montgomery County Children’s Opportunity Alliance Incorporated filed updated articles of incorporation with the State and provided copies to County Executive and the County Council with the goal of being designated as the County’s ECE Coordinating Entity. The County Attorney’s Office in conjunction with Council legal staff have determined that the articles of incorporation comply with the provisions of Chapter 10A of the County Code and are sufficient to allow designation of the entity.
- If the Council designates the Montgomery County Children’s Opportunity Alliance Incorporated County’s Early Care and Education Coordinating Entity on July 12, 2022, the designation will continue until July 11, 2025, unless it is suspended or revoked by Council resolution pursuant to County law.
- On July 12, 2022, the Council is scheduled to act on the following County Executive’s appointments to Early Care and Education Coordinating Entity Board of Directors: Raymond Crowel, BB Otero, Dira Treadvance, Deborah Lambert, Sonia Pruneda-Hernandez, Wayne (Chris) Saxton, Chandra Curtis, Taniesha Myles, Theresa Ramsaroop, Vernessa Broddie, Myrna Peralta, Tiffany Jones, Sobia Qureshi, Kevin Beverly, Patricia Ruppert, Hannah Hahn, William Hegwood, and Nora Morales. These appointments are consistent with Bill No. 42-21 provisions regarding board of director representation. Several ex-officio representatives will need Council confirmation at a later time.
- An important function that newly constituted Board of Directors of the County’s Early Care and Education Coordinating Entity must initially complete is the development and adoption of bylaws that comply with the requirements of County Code Section 10A-12. The designation resolution requires that a copy of the adopted bylaws be submitted to the Council.

This report contains:

Resolution designating the Montgomery County Children’s Opportunity Alliance
as the County’s Early Care and Education Coordinating Entity

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Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Resolution to Designate the Children’s Opportunity Alliance of Montgomery County as the County’s Early Care and Education Coordinating Entity

Background

1. On February 15, 2022, the County Council enacted Bill No. 42-21, Child Care – Early Care and Education Coordinating Entity – Established. The bill requires the Council to designate a single nonprofit corporation as the County’s Early Care and Education Coordinating Entity.
2. Bill No. 42-21 recognizes that early care and education (ECE) is an essential service and economic imperative for the well-being of children, families, employers, and the greater community, and that an independent nonprofit entity that convenes key stakeholders to develop community priorities will support a robust system of high quality, accessible, sustainable ECE.
3. Chapter 10A, Child Care Article 6 authorizes the County Government to designate a single nonprofit corporation as the County’s ECE Coordinating Entity by Council resolution. The Executive must approve the resolution, but the Council may readopt the resolution with six affirmative votes if the Executive disapproves it.
4. To be designated as the County’s ECE Coordinating Entity, a nonprofit corporation must meet all the requirements and criteria established in Chapter 10A of the County Code.
5. On July 1, 2022, the Montgomery County Children’s Opportunity Alliance Incorporated filed updated articles of incorporation with the State and provided copies to County Executive and the County Council with the goal of being designated as the County’s ECE Coordinating Entity. The articles of incorporation comply with the provisions of Chapter 10A of the County Code.
6. On July 12, 2022, the Council is scheduled to act on the following County Executive’s appointments to Early Care and Education Coordinating Entity Board of Directors:

Raymond Crowel, BB Otero, Dira Treadvance, Deborah Lambert, Sonia Pruneda-Hernandez, Wayne (Chris) Saxton, Chandra Curtis, Taniesha Myles, Theresa Ramsaroop, Vernessa Broddie, Myrna Peralta, Tiffany Jones, Sobia Qureshi, Kevin Beverly, Patricia Ruppert, Hannah Hahn, William Hegwood, and Nora Morales.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

The Montgomery County Children’s Opportunity Alliance Incorporated is hereby designated as the County’s Early Care and Education Coordinating Entity pursuant to County Code Section 10A-12. This designation is effective until July 11, 2025, unless it is suspended or revoked by Council resolution.

The newly constituted Board of Directors of the County’s Early Care and Education Coordinating Entity must develop and adopt bylaws that comply with the requirements of County Code Section 10A-12 and submit a copy of the bylaws to the Council upon adoption.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Judy K. Rupp, Clerk of the Council