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Meeting Minutes - Approved EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 10, 2016

8:00 AM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 260 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Denise DeMarb; Scott Peters; LeAndrea M. Vernon; Jennifer Templin; Diane B. Adams and Muriel Simms

Absent: 2 - Linda E. Benzschawel and Nancy K. Brien

Others present: Monica Host, Deb Diaz

Peters called the meeting to order at 8:06 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY SIMMS, SECONDED BY DEMARB TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 11, 2016 MINUTES. Clarification on motion under item #1. Motion by DeMarb, seconded by Templin to accept written comments. Also update 1st sentence of 2nd paragraph under Michelle Seay on page 2. Motion passed with the 2 proposed changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [41733](#) SUBSTITUTE To adjust the Child Care Assistance income guidelines to keep them in line with the poverty guidelines published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and adopted by the State and to reflect inflationary increases.

Attachments: [CCA Income Guidelines version 1.pdf](#)

Host explained that every year federal income guidelines are released and the income guidelines increase for those receiving child care assistance. This will mean that families can stay on the program longer.

MOTION BY DEMARB, SECONDED BY VERNON TO RETURN TO LEAD WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL. Motion passed by voice vote.

2. [42025](#) Child Care Forum Discussion

Attachments: [Satellite Support Group Arco Iris Feedback](#)

Host discussed the family child care meetings attended by her, Nan Brien and Vari del Moral. Providers reported problems with WI Shares payment policies.

The committee voted to increase stabilization grant funds to \$100,000 and to include family child care providers for eligibility earlier this year.

MOTION BY ADAMS, SECONDED BY DEMARB TO AFFIRM THE EARLIER MOTION TO TRANSFER \$60,000 TO STABILIZATION GRANT FUND CREATING A NEW BALANCE OF \$100,000. Motion passed by voice vote.

3. [42024](#) United Nations Convention on the Rights of Children

Attachments: [United Nations Convention on Rights of Children](#)

Peters explained this is in response of Oma Vic McMurray's testimony at the child care forum and letter to Mayor Soglin, County Executive Parisi, Rep. Taylor and Sen. Risser.

The Mayor's Office has asked our committee to make recommendations on how the City should proceed. Adams will review the document and make recommendations on guiding principles and strategy to move forward for the committee to share with the Mayor's Office.

4. [42026](#) Child Care Unit Report

Attachments: [2015 Child Care Assistance Report](#)

Child Care Assistance Report

Host discussed the 2015 Child Care Assistance Report. There was a surplus of \$52,621 after serving 110 children and 77 families. In 21015 there were 3 main reasons families leave the program: a) they have a decrease in income and are become eligible for WI Shares b) the family share becomes too high and families can no longer afford the program or c) families either just quit attending the center or do not respond to letters sent from City.

Child Care Assistance Rate Comparisons

The committee was asked to accept rate increases based on the 2015 rate survey of centers and family providers. After School program rates have increased as MMSD has raised the rent on school space used for the programs.

Specialist Assignments

Host discussed the specialist assignments of child care programs for accreditation, including 4 programs in the process.

New Standards Implemented

Host reported that Lois Evenson reaccredited University Avenue Discover Center piloting the 2016 accreditation standards and packets. The specialists will learn from the pilot as they use the new standards in their accreditation reviews.

MOST Program Finder

Host informed the group that the MOST program finder site launched last month and centers are adding programs to the list. City IT put the site together and it will be used to help families find programs based on individual criteria. The site will launch for the public in the near future.

EOP Applications

Host stated the EOP applications are available and due on Friday, March 18th. There will only be on process this year for \$150,000.

FCI Funding Study

Host shared that this process is being finalized and will go to staff later today and the report will be released on March 31st.

Rennebohm Foundation Birth to Three Initiative

Host reported that the Rennebohm Foundation's initiative is still gathering information from the directors and various community stakeholders.

Madison Community Foundation

Host reported that the CF is looking into an early childhood efforts as well. The Foundation is scheduling a briefing and focus groups in April.

5. [33059](#)

CSC Committee Report

Vernon reported on the February CSC meeting. Members were selected for the CDD Conference Committee to make decisions on the upcoming EOP applications. The next CSC meeting will be 3/23/16.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ADAMS, SECONDED BY DEMARB TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:02 AM. Motion passed by voice vote.