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# Meeting Minutes - Approved EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

8:00 AM

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

#### **CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Present: 8 -

Lynn E. Edlefson; Kathleen B. Raschke; Joanna R. Parker; Michael B. Jacob; Patricia A. Lasky; Diane B. Adams; Richard C. Schultz and Joanne

E. Brown

Absent: 1 -

Celsa G. Rodriguez

Excused: 1 -

Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

Staff Present: Jolene Ibeling, Monica Host, Becky Schesny, Vari del Moral Smith

Brown called the meeting to order at 8:09 am.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION BY LASKY, SECONDED BY ADAMS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 18th MEETING. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

# **DISCUSSION ITEM**

1. 16843 2011-2012 Program Area Goals and Priorities

The Community Services Committee will hold a public hearing on 1/6/10 to discuss and make final decision on Community Resources Program 2011-12 goals and priorities.

2. <u>16844</u> 2011-12 Program Area Allocations

The Children and Families program area would receive between 15-21% of the Community Resources budget. The CSC hearing on 1/6/10 will be an opportunity for residents, agencies, committee members and other stake holders to provide further input relative to funding allocations to respective program areas.

There was discussion on the process the CSC used to make the allocation determination and concern that the nominal process be viewed as a tool and that does not take precedence over the needs of the community.

There was discussion regarding funding criteria and evaluation process for proposals.

There was discussion regarding per unit cost differences and the challenges associated with comparing across services and program areas.

There was discussion about information agencies need when writing for RFP's including the total amount of funds available. Ranges in funding and the potential for cuts by Mayor, committees, council creates uncertainty for programs.

There was discussion regarding the importance of child care information in the media, for public and for Council.

MOTION BY JACOB, SECONDED BY LASKY FOR THE COMMITTEE TO SEND A LETTER TO ARTICULATE ECCEC CONCERNS TO CSC.

The hearing is 1/6/10 at 5:35 pm and Parker will draft the letter.

Motion passed by voice vote.

The group wished to acknowledge Brown's work on the committee.

3. 16845 2010 Community Resource Funding

Supplemental funding of \$100,000 was added to the Community Resources budget for 2010. \$23,000 of that will be allocated to the child care services program area.

CSC will discuss the process and criteria for funding and Ibeling will report back to the ECCEC in January.

MOTION BY EDLEFSON, SECONDED BY RASCHKE THAT THE CHILD CARE STAFF BRING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE \$23,000 FUNDING TO THE JANUARY ECCEC MEETING. Motion passed by voice vote.

There was discussion regarding economy and impact on enrollment in centers. 4-C will provide 2009 data at the January ECCEC mtg.

There was brief discussion regarding changes to the Caregiver Background check and impact on programs.

There was discussion about the role the child care unit plays in advocating and providing commentary to the state regarding child care issues. The group expressed desire for the Unit to continue to keep eye on state policy and provide commentary if/when there are mechanisms to do so, including through the lobbyist in the Mayor's office.

Ibeling mentioned the election of a chair and vice chair in January, 4C data summary report, 2009 Child Care Assistance Reports, 2010 additional allocations will be discussed at the January meeting on 1/27/10.

4. 12054 ECCEC Subcommittee

The Subcommittee will consist of Parker, Schultz and Adams.

5. <u>16859</u> 2010 ECCEC Meeting Schedule

The 2010 meeting schedule was distributed and more meetings will be scheduled during the summer process.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY EDLEFSON, SECONDED BY SCHULTZ TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.