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Meeting Minutes - Approved EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 10, 2015

8:00 AM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Denise DeMarb; Linda E. Benzschawel; Scott Peters; LeAndrea M. Vernon;
Jennifer Templin; Diane B. Adams; Nancy K. Brien and Muriel Simms

Absent: 1 - Patricia A. Lasky

Others Present: Deb Diaz, Monica Host

Peters called the meeting to order at 8:13 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY ADAMS, SECONDED BY VERNON TO APPROVE THE JULY 30, 2015 MINUTES. Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [40030](#) Introduction of Nan Brien - new committee member

Host introduced the newest board member to the group. Nan Brien retired from the Wisconsin Council of Children and Families and currently spends her time training people on the affects of malnutrition on children and supporting Grandparents United for Madison Public Schools (GUMPS). The committee members introduced themselves to Brien.

Recognition of Denise DeMarb's birthday.

2. [40031](#) Madison Municipal Building - Schematic Design Presentation
Bryan Cooper, Madison Department of Public Works, Engineering

Bryan Cooper from Madison Department of Public Works and Engineering gave a presentation on proposed renovations to the MMB. The plans and timeline are contingent on the Council approving the deal with Exact Sciences for purchase of the back half the block. If the Exact Sciences proposal goes

through the MMB annex of the MMB will be demolished in the fall of 2015. Offices would be moved to a temporary location while renovation occurred on the MMB and construction of the Exact Sciences building commences. This stage may take between 1 1/2 and 2 years to complete. Offices will be returning to the MMB with an updated design creating a more defined public and private space while maintaining the historical integrity of the building.

If the Exact Sciences proposal does not pass the MMB annex will not be removed in 2015. Further MMB renovations would be reviewed and relocation of offices and renovation will be contingent upon budget allowances. The estimated total cost of the MMB renovation is around \$32 million.

3. [40032](#) Accredited Child Care and Low Income Families

Attachments: [Copay calculation](#)

Peters explained that this was originally discussed by the subcommittee and will now be addressed by the whole committee. Three methods to help more low income families would be:

- 1) Change accreditation to a system which would require fewer classroom reviews and visits for the more established centers. This would allow for work with non accredited agencies to increase the quality of their centers as the serve low income families.
- 2) Change the Community Resource funding process. This has been put on hold during the funding process study.
- 3) Change the Child Care Assistance funding to help more low income families.

Accreditation processes have begun to be adjusted to support centers in serving more low income families e.g. training on poverty. Standards are currently being updated. The roll out of the new standards will provide an opportunity to introduce additional changes to the process e.g. longer time between accreditations, higher grants and training to centers serving low-income families.

Host raised a question of how the tuition assistance funding could be used to better assist even more low income families to have access to quality accredited centers. One possibility is a pilot program that would help stabilize centers with WI Shares families who cannot afford co-pays. The committee was encouraged to review the WI Shares co pay documents distributed for future discussion.

The ECCEC will look to schedule a forum in November to hear from the community about best ways to serve low income families. The structure, topic and dates of the forum will be decided at the October meeting.

4. [40033](#) Accreditation & Child Care Assistance Reports

Attachments: [YoungStar Bonuses & EBT Cards](#)

The 3rd quarter child care assistance report will be distributed at the next meeting.

5. [33059](#) CSC Committee Report

No Report.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY SIMMS, SECONDED BY TEMPLIN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:04 AM. The motion passed by voice vote.