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Meeting Minutes - Approved EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 9, 2019

2:30 PM

Madison Municipal Building
215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Room 215

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Donna V. Moreland; Claire E. Lind; Mykenzie L. Lemberger; Senay Goitom; Lana Nenide; Nancy K. Brien and Dipesh Navsaria

Absent: 2 - Christine Coke and Kate Toews

Others Present: Coral Manning, Rommel Tijerino, Deb Diaz, Becca Gray Jurek, Christy Voigt

Lemberger called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Navsaria, seconded by Nenide to approve the March 14th minutes.
Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Luann Williams from Reach Dane spoke in support of funding recommendations. Williams also thanked the committee for recommending funding for the Arbor Hills and South Madison sites.

Arturo Ambriz from Bridge Lakepoint Waunona Neighborhood center spoke in support of funding recommendations for Los Ninos Primero. Ambriz also thanked the committee for funding and support over the years.

Noel Hooper Lofton spoke in opposition of Woodland Montessori School. Woodland Montessori WMS Training Team program was recommended for \$0 in funding by the review committee.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Standard Disclosures:

Toews has 1 child in an accredited center. Goitom has a child at an accredited center.

Navsaria is on the WECA Board.

Lemberger will recuse herself from item 1. Lind shared that she has consulted with accredited centers. Lind's consulting will be added to the standard disclosure list.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [55520](#) Approving funding allocation recommendations as part of a competitive RFP process conducted by the Community Development Division (CDD); and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into purchase of service contracts, to take effect on January 1, 2020, with the identified agencies, and in the specified amounts, for the support and expansion of programs and services in early childhood.

Attachments: [CDD RFP Guidelines Early Childhood Funding 2019 FINAL.pdf](#)
[AnimalCrackers.pdf](#)
[BridgeLakePointWaunona.pdf](#)
[CommunityCoordCC.pdf](#)
[DaneCoParentCouncil-ReachDane.pdf](#)
[GoodmanCommunityCenter.pdf](#)
[KennedyHeights.pdf](#)
[OneCitySchools.pdf](#)
[RISEWI.pdf](#)
[ThePlayingField.pdf](#)
[TheRainbowProject.pdf](#)
[TodayNotTomorrow.pdf](#)
[WoodlandMontessori.pdf](#)
[2019 Early Childhood Funding Recommendations.pdf](#)
[Child Care Centers Map.pdf](#)

Lemberger recused herself, Goitom chaired the meeting for item 1.

Manning discussed the RFP process and review panel. RFP scores, geographic location and past funding were all considered to compile the funding recommendations.

Brien inquired about a map showing all child care, not just those recommended for funding. Manning will work on that project.

Motion by Brien, seconded to Navsaria to return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote with Lemberger abstaining.

2. [55750](#) Discussion of Child Care Unit budget recommendations

Attachments: [2020 Child Care Unit Budget-DRAFT](#)

Lemberger resumed as Chair. Manning discussed budget instructions from the mayor are usually released in June. In the past few years tuition assistance fund has had a surplus and that funding was moved to provide more training grants to accredited centers. The expansion of eligibility requirements did not eliminate the surplus as planned. Families either did not live within Madison or qualified for Wisconsin Shares funding.

Pending Mayoral instructions, Manning anticipates that the 2020 proposed child care unit budget will have a lower allocation for tuition assistance. The difference will be shifted to service contracts and a Mental Health Consultant.

Further information will be shared with the committee when it becomes available.

3. [55751](#) Update on Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation for the City of Madison

Connie Williams did a brief overview of infant and early childhood education and mental health consultation. Expulsion and suspension from child care has increased in recent years. Frequently the behavior challenges demonstrated by children that can lead to expulsion are directly correlated to trauma exposure.

Goitom left the meeting at 3:18 pm.

Increase child care staff capacity, as well as improved knowledge and skills are necessary to effectively respond to children exhibiting challenging behavior. Currently Rainbow Project Inc. provides resources to centers and can do observations and support directly at the center for children with higher needs. Curriculum like Conscious Discipline and Pyramid Model has led to improvement in classrooms. Recent trainings on these methods have been conducted in the Madison area centers. Mental health consultation is also important.

Increase capacity to focus on problem solving and skill building for teachers will help long term to alleviate stress on staff and children.

Brien left the meeting at 3:31 pm.

The child care unit would like to add a mental health consultant to the staff. This would allow the consultant to work with both the family/children and center staff to create the best outcomes. The consultant can add perspective any issues that arise. For individual therapy or behavior concerns, the Rainbow Project Inc. CORE program would still work with the child.

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Navsaria, seconded by Nenide to adjourn the meeting at 4:09 pm.
Motion passed by voice vote.**