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Meeting Minutes - Approved EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 22, 2011

8:00 AM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 -

Anita Weier; Scott Peters; Nicole K. Anderson; Michael B. Jacob; Patricia A. Lasky; Diane B. Adams and Celsa G. Rodriguez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION by Lasky, seconded by Adams to approve the July 28, 2011 minutes.
Motion passed by voice vote. Jacob abstained.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. [23832](#) Update on Budget
-DCPC to EMCC transfer update

Bill Clingan discussed the submitted Community Development Division budget that included a 5% decrease per the mayor's instructions. This included cuts to service providers, administration, tuition assistance program and child care grants. Approximately \$380,387 was cut from the original budget to meet the Mayor's request.

The Mayor will release his budget the first week of October and the Council will meet in November to finalize it. CSC and CDBG will be meeting after the budget is released to discuss the ramifications. Mayor could change the department's proposed budget. Council could make further changes.

3. [23833](#) Update on 2 year Funding Process

Bill Clingan stated that the current budget cuts on both state and federal levels could affect the way the funding process is conducted. Committees, staff and services providers have met to analyze the last process. Staff has met with the mayor to further evaluate options and the needs of the community. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

1. [23897](#)

Community Resource Program Service Presentations
8:15 4C Launching Into Literacy & Math - Kirsten Suer
8:30 Animal Crackers - Christie Howell-Yrios

Kirsten Suer from 4C gave a brief presentation on the Launching Into Literacy and Math program.

Christie Howell-Yrios from Animal Crackers gave a brief presentation on the their program.

[23832](#)

Update on Budget
-DCPC to EMCC transfer update

Monica Host added a quick update regarding the transfer of funds from DCPC to EMCC. Both the Community Services Committee and the Council approved the transfer of \$9,965. These funds will only be for 2011.

The group discussed the options of discussing proposed budget at the October meeting when the Mayor announces it or when the Council makes its final decision in November.

The ECCEC requested specific information regarding the 5% funding cuts for agencies. They would like this information soon.

Adams reiterated the importance of child care as an economic force and suggested adding these facts to the budgetary discussions. The brochures and paper regarding the Early Childhood Care and Education: Economic Impacts in Dane County will be redistributed.

4. [23835](#)

Child Care Assistance Report and Updates

Vari del Moral Smith discussed the Child Care Assistance Report for period 8 and 9 as the group reviewed the handouts. There was one release of the waiting list and there will be another one to use up available funding.

Vari del Moral Smith and Monica Host distributed proposed updates to income guidelines to determine income eligibility for the Child Care Assistance Program. These guidelines haven't been updated since 2008 and are based on 185% of the federal poverty guidelines.

MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Weier to approve the 185% of federal poverty guidelines as the new income guidelines for the Child Care Tuition Assistance program. Motion passed by voice vote.

A resolution for Council approval will be submitted with Ald. Weier as sponsor.

5. [23836](#) Child Care System Updates: 4K, South Madison Child Care Task Force and Youngstar

In the YoungStar system Accredited Centers will receive a 5 star rating; FCC 4 or 5 stars depending on education of providers.

4K has had a rough start with enrollment issues. There was confusion by parents as to where to register, where child would attend and the community centers role. The 4K Steering Committee is working on fixing these issues. There has been a reduction in 4 year olds enrolled in centers. As of an August survey 15 out of 23 centers had openings for 4 year olds. More information will be available in the coming months.

South Madison Child Care Task force was created by Mayor Soglin to address child care issues in south Madison. Monica Host will be on the committee and will keep the group updated.

6. [23896](#) November Forum & ECCEC Calendar

The group decided to reschedule the October 28th meeting to October 20th. The November 17th and December 15th meetings will continue as originally scheduled. Due to pending budget issues the November forum will be postponed until January. Lasky will not attend the November meeting and Diane will be out for the January meeting.

7. [23837](#) ECCEC Membership

Lynn Edlefson is no longer on the committee. Mayor Soglin is removing those who do not live in the city. There may be a new member joining the committee for its October meeting.

8. [22204](#) CSC Meeting Report

Anderson was not at the last meeting. She will be at the October 5th meeting and will report back to the committee in October.

9. [19470](#) ECCEC Subcommittee

The October 20th subcommittee will consist of Nicole Anderson, Patricia Lasky and Diane Adams.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Adams, seconded by Weier to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 am.

Motion passed by voice vote.