



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 12, 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; Jennifer Templin;
Patricia A. Lasky; Diane B. Adams; Karalyn A. Kratowicz and Muriel
Simms

Others Present: Monica Host, Gloria Reyes, Varinia del Moral

Peters called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY LASKY, SECONDED BY KRATOWICZ TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 8, 2015 MINUTES. Simms would like to change the word "oversight" on the 2nd page of the minutes. Motion passed by voice vote with the noted change.

PUBLIC COMMENT

TJ McNamara and Cherry Aschenbrenner from Bright Horizons came to advocate for the center's eligibility to participation in the Madison Accreditation Program.

[37558](#)

Bright Horizons

Attachments: [Bright Horizons Handout](#)

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [37209](#) 2015 Child Care Income Guidelines and Rates

Attachments: [2015 Income Eligibility Guidelines](#)
[Proposed 2015 Reimbursement Rates](#)

Varinia del Moral presented the 2015 child care assistance guidelines and rates.

New guidelines allow for eligibility at a slightly higher income. These guidelines would support current families longer. Most rates have increased with after school and before school care rates decreasing. These new rates

would utilize an additional \$7,000 of the 2015 budget to support current families.

MOTION BY LASKY, SECONDED BY ADAMS TO APPROVE THE 2015 CITY CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE RATES. Motion passed by voice vote.

2. [37210](#) Universal Child Care System

Attachments: [2015 Universal Child Care](#)
[Racial Equity & Social Justice Tool](#)

Universal Child Care Proposals

Peters discussed the 5 proposals developed from committee discussions. taking place over the past few months. The proposals presented can be used to help provide quality care to more low-income families. Peters and Host will work to provide financial implications and additional information for the proposals including pros and cons for the March meeting.

Racial Equity

Host presented the city's Racial Equity and Social Justice Tool that can be used when making policy decisions and recommendations. In March city staff will be invited to discuss the Racial Equity and Social Justice Tool further.

3. [37211](#) Accreditation/Child Care Assistance Issues
2014 Reports
Center Updates

Attachments: [Child Care Assistance Report 2014](#)
[Referral Accreditation List](#)
[KinderCare Raymond Road Background](#)
[SEQUAL](#)

- The final 2014 Child Care Assistance Report was provided.
- KinderCare Raymond Road surrendered their accreditation.
- Bright Horizons In reference to the bright horizon information given during public comment, staff raised a question as to the focus of the accreditation program. If a center does not serve a high number of low income families and which has internal agency resources for materials, staff development and support for national accreditation etc. The committee commented that until steps are taken to publically state this focus of purpose, all centers should remain eligible.

4. [33059](#) CSC Committee Report

Tabled to next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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