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Meeting Minutes - Approved EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 30, 2015

8:00 AM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Denise DeMarb; Scott Peters; LeAndrea M. Vernon; Patricia A. Lasky;
Diane B. Adams and Muriel Simms

Absent: 2 - Linda E. Benzschawel and Jennifer Templin

Others Present: Monica Host, Cheryl Tolley, Laura Noel, Lisa Strub

Peters called the meeting to order at 8:03 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY LASKY, SECONDED BY SIMMS TO APPROVE THE JUNE 11, 2015 MINUTES. Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Peters will be a client of Dane County Parent Council (DCPC) Satellite and will recuse himself for funding discussions regarding DCPC.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [39413](#) CDD Intent To Continue Applications and Recommendations for Children and Families Program

Attachments: [Intent to Continue - Children & Families](#)

Peters discussed the Intent to Continue list with the committee. Host added that the only changes reported were licensing ages for Kennedy Heights. Peters explained that the committee could vote on continuing funding for programs in 2016 that submitted Intent to Continue applications. Host stated that Canopy Center Inc., Center For Families and DCPC Great Beginnings Verona Road would be addressed separately.

Noel explained that the changing landscape of these programs on a larger scale led to the selection of Senior and Crisis programs this funding process. The Adult Disability Resource Centers of Wisconsin (ADRC) has been working on providing information and referral work which previously was done by

senior coalitions. This allows for an opportunity to revisit the needs of the community and the additional programs or resources the senior coalitions could provide. It also allows for more collaboration between the coalitions.

Noel discussed exploring the possibility of group health care coverage for the non-profit community. This is an ongoing discussion that is only in the preliminary stages, but there is clearly a need.

The committee discussed no additional funds available for increased wages of agency staff in 2016. There is the possibility of COLA increases being added by Mayor or Council, but that is unlikely given the current budget projections.

MOTION BY VERNON, SECONDED BY DEMARB TO APPROVE 2016 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FUNDING AT THE 2015 LEVEL FOR AGENCIES THAT SUBMITTED AN INTENT TO CONTINUE APPLICATION (EXCLUDING CANOPY CENTER INC., CENTER FOR FAMILIES AND DCPC GREAT BEGINNINGS VERONA RD). Motion passed by voice vote.

Host discussed DCPC Great Beginnings Verona Road program and its recent changes. DCPC leased a building and moved to Todd Drive last September with the agreement that funding would continue through 2015 and would be reevaluated then. The new name is DCPC Great Beginnings Arbor Hills. The original program was funded to serve Allied Drive families. Currently the program serves a few Allied families, but more families are from Arbor Hills and Leopold families. All families are low-income.

MOTION BY LASKY, SECONDED BY DEMARB TO FUND DANE COUNTY PARENT COUNCIL GREAT BEGINNINGS ARBOR HILLS AT THE \$39,893 LEVEL FOR 2016. Motion passed by voice vote.

Peters discussed Canopy Center and Center For Families Inc. not intending to continue current programming funded through the children and families program area. Host added that Canopy Center closed in May and the Center For Families Parents' Place program is redesigning. There is now \$67,204 unallocated within the Children and Families area.

One option for the use of the funds is to reallocate to programs which benefit children and families under Crisis area. The Center For Families Inc. recently lost funding from United Way for the Respite Center. The Rainbow Project Rapid Response Team program has received funds from EOP in the last cycle and has applied for funding under the Crisis area. Staff recommends allocating the \$67,204 to Respite Center and Rapid Response Team programs. It would require \$69,000 to fully fund these programs with \$55,000 for Respite Center and \$14,000 for Rapid Response Team. The Community Services Committee would need to allocate an additional \$1,796 to fully fund the programs or decide to fund each at a slightly lower level without a new allocation.

The \$67,204 would be moved to the Crisis area and would not be part of the Children and Families program area in the future.

The Mayor provided City agencies with 2 instructions for budget submissions. The first is to submit a flat budget and the second is to submit a budget

reflecting a 3% cut. If the Mayor decides to implement the 3% cut budget the \$67,204 could be designated to address the cuts.

MOTION BY DEMARB, SECONDED BY ADAMS TO RECOMMEND \$67,204 BE ALLOCATED TO THE CENTER FOR FAMILIES RESPITE CENTER PROGRAM AND THE RAINBOW PROJECT RAPID RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAMS AS PART OF THE FLAT BUDGET SUBMISSION. AS PART OF THE 3% CUT BUDGET SUBMISSION THE \$67,204 WOULD BE USED TO OFFSET THE CUTS. Motion passed by voice vote.

2. [39414](#)

Accreditation School Age Programs and MMSD Space Cost

Host discussed a recent increase in space costs from MMSD to help offset recent budget cuts. School Age accredited programs have been notified of up to a 500% increase in space costs. This will affect Red Caboose, Wisconsin Youth Company and YMCA school site programs. It has been approved by the School Board.

MSCR is now considered a department of MMSD. Both MSCR and MMSD are given first access to school space with any remaining available space going to other organizations.

The Madison Out of School Time Initiative has chosen Elementary School as its focus. The increase space costs could have an effect upon current and future after school programs.

Additional changes to space agreements include a 30 day notice if policies are not met and programs are only required to meet the standards of licensing rather than being licensed. Previously it was required to be licensed to meet guidelines of WI Shares and City of Madison Child Care Assistance accreditation requirements. Host will provide more information on the MMSD space at a future meeting.

3. [39415](#)

Quality Child Care and Low Income Families

Host discussed the subcommittee meetings will need to be posted. The items discussed their can be brought to the committee as a whole instead of a separate meeting.

Oma Vic McMurray an accredited family provider submitted a letter to the Mayor regarding the diverse populations that she can no longer afford to serve. This has led to discussion of ways to help her and other child care providers.

United Way has a HealthConnect program which is a pot of money that is used when people cannot cover all of their health care costs. A pot of money for child care co pays would make a tremendous difference for families who cannot afford co pays. United Way will be reviewing the possibility of starting this in an effort to help get people out of poverty.

George Hagenauer is looking at Family Child Care centers and others that have closed in the last 3 years.

Next ECCEC meeting will be September 10th. There will be a report of \$850,000 and the additional \$100,000 to assist W2 participants.

4. [33059](#) CSC Committee Report

Lasky discussed the last CSC meeting which focused on the funding process discussion. Future CSC meetings in August will be used to make 2016 funding recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT

Lasky will not attend the 9/10 meeting. Host mentioned that Nan Brien will be a new ECCEC member and hopefully attending the 9/10 meeting.

MOTION BY VERNON, SECONDED BY DEMARB TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:15 AM. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.