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Meeting Minutes - Approved EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 8, 2015

8:00 AM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Denise DeMarb; Linda E. Benzschawel; Scott Peters; Jennifer Templin;
Patricia A. Lasky; Nancy K. Brien and Muriel Simms

Absent: 2 - LeAndrea M. Vernon and Diane B. Adams

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION BY DEMARB, SECONDED BY BENZSCHAWEL TO APPROVE THE
SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 MINUTES. Motion passed by voice vote.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [40305](#) Child Care Forum Plan

Peters discussed the schedule and format of the child care forum the committee would host. What information would they like to learn from centers? In the past director's attended the ECCEC meeting as the forum.

There was discussion about a new format. It was suggested they coordinate with Director's Caucus which is the 2nd Tuesday of the month at lunch time. Focus may be on the challenges centers face or how accreditation or tuition assistance can help to serve more low income families. It may also be combined with Launching into Math and Literacy trainings Saturdays in January. Could have 3 separate meetings one for directors, one for family child care centers and one at teacher trainings.

George at 4C will be asked to provide information on where families live, where slots are available, how to match those families with centers, language and cultural barriers, target certain areas, waiting list numbers at centers and JFF role.

Final plans for the forum will be conducted at the next ECCEC meeting.

2. [40306](#) Child Care Assistance Report and Budget

Attachments: [Child Care Assistance Report](#)

Host reviewed the current child care assistance budget. There is a projected surplus of approximately \$60,000 which may be lowered to \$50,000 by the end of the year. Part of the surplus may go towards stabilization grants for centers with families unable to cover co pays.

A report was given regarding the use of additional child care assistance funds to support the city's employment programs. The City was to provide child care assistance funds to qualified families in various training programs. Programs lasted 6 or 8 weeks and parents were able to continue using child care assistance while looking for a new job and once a job was obtained. Most participants that did not use City childcare assistance due to other funding, not having custody of children or choosing to stay with current center that is not accredited.

United Way is exploring funding co- pays for child care for their HIRE program participants. Host will keep the group up to date on any developments.

3. [33059](#) CSC Committee Report

CSC did not meet since the last ECCEC meeting. Lasky will stay on our committee through the end of the year.

ADJOURNMENT

Next scheduled meeting is November 5th and will be cancelled. Next meeting will now be December 10th.

MOTION BY DEMARB, SECONDED BY LASKY TO ADJOURN AT 9:35 AM. Motion passed by voice vote.