



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Draft EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Thursday, May 9, 2024

2:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - William Tishler; Claire E. Lind; Sylvia F. Ramirez; Layla M. Moosavi;
Elizabeth R. Voell and Dipesha Navsaria

Absent: 2 - (Lisa) Anna M. Berry and Barbara L. Wolfe

Others Present: Marsh, Tijerino

Ramirez called the meeting to order at 2:32 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Navsaria, seconded by Lind to approve the November 2, 2023, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [83260](#) Public Comment ECCEC May 2024

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Standard one only.

NEW BUSINESS

2. [83261](#) Introductions and Membership Update

Marsh introduced 2 new members. Layla Moosavi from Wisconsin Youth Company and Elizabeth Voell from Creative Learning Preschool. Members shared introductions.

Marsh discussed there is 1 open member position for a resident member. There are people interested. Hopefully the committee will be full and have 9 members shortly.

3. [83262](#) Acceptance of Child Care Programs Outside the City of Madison

Attachments: [Accreditation Outside City of Madison.pdf](#)

Marsh received an application from VA Kids child care center that is technically located in Shorewood Hills. Per current ordinance they would qualify to apply for accreditation with 51% enrollment of city residents. Will bring up grants in the future. Would need ECCEC approval to receive funding.

4. [82422](#) 2023 and 2024 Tuition Assistance Program Update

Attachments: [Tuition Assistance Review.pdf](#)

Marsh reviewed where the program was in 2018 and current numbers. Participation is down due to high child care costs in Madison and the residency requirements and high cost of housing in Madison. Wisconsin Shares program increased income limits so more families qualify. UW Madison and Madison College have their own child care assistance programs. Staff will continue to monitor program enrollment and note trends.

5. [82423](#) Accreditation System Changes Overview and Timeline

Attachments: [Accreditation System Changes.pdf](#)

Marsh discussed large changes to accreditation services. The focus will be on how to support all regulated providers. This may include start up and expansion assistance, case management, free entry level training in English and Spanish, continued support for MMSD 4K sites, a review of inclusion and expulsion practices and more city-wide collaboration.

Accreditation will move from an annual timeline to every three years. Centers will have a four-to-six-week window with a defined start and end time. Centers would file an annual report sharing information and asking for services. Technical Assistance will be separate. Child Care Specialists will be reassigned to new centers every 3 years with the accreditation cycle. Classroom observation time will be reduced to three to four hours per classroom. The process will be streamlined to better assist all regulated providers. Accreditation standards are being reviewed to align with NAEYC requirements. New service plan will roll out in 2025.

6. [82424](#) Child Care Facilities Loan Program

Attachments: [Child Care Facilities Loan Prog.pdf](#)

Marsh discussed the new program being launched at the end of June. These forgivable loans would be available to centers within child care deserts and can be used for capital improvements.

7. [82426](#) 2025 City of Madison Budget

Attachments: [2025 Budget.pdf](#)

Marsh discussed current 2025 budget shortfall of \$27 million. The city is looking at options to cover the deficit. Community engagement sessions are going on throughout the for resident feedback. In June the mayor will give budget instructions to city departments for 2025 budget submittal. There is the

potential for a referendum to go to residence in November to raise property taxes to help cover the deficit. Updates will be provided as they become available.

8. [83263](#) City of Madison Committee Discussion

Attachments: [City Committee Discussion.pdf](#)

Marsh discussed policy makers reviewing the city committee structure to determine if committees can be combined. ECCEC has specific requirements for child care and for appeal hearings on child care assistance and accreditation appeals. Navsaria mentioned the option of the city having a committee of children to address larger issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Navsaria, seconded by Lind to adjourn the meeting at 3:59 pm.
Motion passed by voice vote.