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Meeting Minutes - Approved EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION BOARD

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

8:00 AM

4-C

6300 Enterprise Ln

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 9 -

Lynn E. Edlefsen; Bev A. Willer; Joanna R. Parker; Diane B. Adams;
Brenda K. Konkel; Kathleen B. Raschke; Michael B. Jacob; Patricia A.
Lasky and Joanne E. Brown

Excused: 2 -

Tracy K. Kuczenski and Richard C. Schultz

Staff: Jolene Ibeling, Bill Clingan, Monica Host, Terry Strong, Lois Evenson,
Enis Ragland, Becky Schesny

Brown called the meeting to order at 8:13 am.

[12348](#)

New ECCEB Member - Diane Adams- Group Introductions

Brown introduced the newest ECCEB member Diane Adams to the group.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion by Lasky, seconded by Raschke to approve the minutes from the
September 24 meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

**Tom Solyst, Executive Director for the Bridge Lakepoint Waunona Center
provided update to the Board on the progress of the programs for children
residing in the Great Grey neighborhood.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [12349](#) 4-C Update

Jody Bartnick, Executive Direction of Community Coordinated Child Care, Inc. provided to the Board a summary of 4-C services and service numbers for 2007. Bartnick provided to the Board an update regarding 4-C's work/accomplishments after the August 13, 2008 fire.

2. [12350](#)

Adoption of 2009 Annual Child Care Grant Criteria and Administrative Changes to Grant Process

Staff pointed out that annual grant criteria has not changed from previous year. Allocations will be based on FTE's, with increased consideration given to programs serving 20% or more infants/toddlers and 20% or more for low-income children.

Motion by Parker, seconded by Raschke to approve the 2009 annual grant criteria. Motion passed by voice vote.

3. [12351](#)

Budget Update

- Elimination of Community Services Supervisor Position
- Funding for Community Resources Program
- Discussion and Recommendations as to How to Proceed

Bill Clingan summarized the Mayor's Executive Budget. The OCS and CDBG supervisor positions have been eliminated in the Executive budget. The Executive budget maintains OCS funding at 2008 levels. The Executive Budget collapses specific allocations to agencies into one budget line item. A budget amendment has been made to the BOE to provide an additional \$72,763 from fuel savings to the OCS Community Resources Budget.

Clingan announced an information session scheduled for October 23 that will provide agencies an opportunity to ask questions and get further clarification regarding this year's budget process.

Motion by Jacob, seconded by Parker that the ECCEB use the 10/22/08 Program I spreadsheet that was distributed to reach funding allocations between the 5% cut and 3% increase, originally proposed by the group.

Motion by Jacob, seconded by Lasky to table the motion.

Motion made by Raschke, seconded by Jacob that a strong statement, via a resolution, be made. The ECCEB does not accept the guidelines set by the Mayor and these early childhood care and education programs cannot be cut and expected to provide necessary services for 1.6% of the total City budget.

Provision of funding for early childhood education, afterschool and summer programs for children are integral to maintain public safety and economic development in the City of Madison. As such the ECCEB respectfully declares that a cut to these programs or "maintenance" of 2008 funding level is unacceptable. 2009 recommendations did not cover the entire need.

Community Resources program funding represents 1.6% of the City budget. Cutting this funding creates undue hardship to the programs, and harm to the children and families served. The funding deliberations of the Early Child Care and Education Board reflect commitment to addressing community needs and priorities through excellent services and programming. \$1,026,088 was requested for 2009 Community Resources funding in Program Area I - Child Care. The ECCEB recommended \$877,693 and recognized additional unmet needs of \$83,525.

Discussion regarding OCS Committee's view of COLA as an entitlement. City departments are given adjusted budgets to account for increased costs of doing business.

Motion passed by voice vote.

Discussion regarding Board's concern over the lack of OCS supervisor position with no specific position to advocate for quality early care and education and potential early child care and education program to become less visible or disappear. Discussion regarding staffing that is needed to do strategic planning in order to increase child care program/services.

Motion made by Konkel, seconded by Parker to oppose the elimination of the OCS supervisor position and request an evaluation of the impact on agencies and services be conducted and in 1 year the analysis on the findings and an update on the strategic plan for Early Childhood Education. Motion passed by voice vote with Adams abstaining.

Motion by Konkel to take Jacob's motion off the table.

Original Motion by Jacob:

Motion by Jacob, seconded by Parker that the ECCEB use the 10/22/08 Program I spreadsheet that was distributed to reach funding allocations between the 5% cut and 3% increase, originally proposed by the group. Motion passed by voice vote with Jacob voting no and Konkel abstaining.

Excused: 2 -

Tracy K. Kuczenski and Richard C. Schultz

Ayes: 6 -

Lynn E. Edlefson; Bev A. Willer; Joanna R. Parker; Diane B. Adams;
Kathleen B. Raschke and Patricia A. Lasky

Noes: 1 -

Michael B. Jacob

Abstentions: 1 -

Brenda K. Konkel

Non Voting: 1 -

Joanne E. Brown

In order respond to the Council's budget the November 12 meeting will be changed to November 19 at 2 pm with location to be announced.

4. [12352](#)

Child Care Forum - November 12

The Child Care forum will be scheduled for the December 10th ECCEB meeting. Staff will inquire with City Channel 12 to have the forum recorded and broadcast on City Channel.

Suggested topics/issues for programs speak to:

1. What impact the economy has had on agencies serving low-income children and the centers' abilities to serve all children.
2. Update regarding service needs of children with diagnosed and/or undiagnosed special needs, including social and emotional development.

5. [12353](#)

Department of Children and Families Listening Sessions

DCF Listening Session is scheduled for Wednesday October 29 at MATC downtown. It has been determined that the Listening Session is not a public forum but instead a DCF power point presentation with limited opportunities for attendees to speak.

Parker left the meeting.

Ibeling suggested moving discussion items #6 and #8 on the agenda to the next meeting.

6. [12354](#)

Accreditation Grants For Proprietary Centers

To be discussed at the next meeting.

7. [12355](#)

Director Training November 19 Madison General Ordinance 39.05 Nondiscrimination Based on Disability in City Facilities and City-Assisted Programs and Activities

Accredited centers must comply with the nondiscrimination based on disability ordinance as City assisted centers. Angela Bennett from the Department of Civil Rights will be co-facilitating the training with the Child Care Unit Staff.

8. [12356](#)

Annual Child Care Survey

To be discussed at the next meeting.

9. [12054](#)

ECCEB Subcommittee

The ECCEB Subcommittee will consist of Lasky, Raschke and Willer.

The Next meeting will be November 19 at 2 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Konkel, seconded by Edlefson to adjourn. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.