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Meeting Minutes - Draft EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

8:00 AM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room LL-110 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 -

Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Joanna R. Parker; Michael B. Jacob; Patricia A. Lasky;
Diane B. Adams; Richard C. Schultz and Joanne E. Brown

Absent: 2 -

Lynn E. Edlefson and Kathleen B. Raschke

Staff: Jolene Ibeling, Vari del Moral Smith, Bill Clingan, Monica Host, Becky Schesny.

Brown called the meeting to order at 8:10 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Lasky to approve the minutes from June 24, 2009. Motion passed by voice vote with Jacob abstaining.

Adams inquired about the timeline for the updated Community Resources mission statement and Ordinance revisions. Brown explained that the ECCEC's recommendations were submitted to the Funding Subcommittee and they will meet again tomorrow at 7:30 am.

PUBLIC COMMENT

[15729](#)

Rainbow Project Handout
Unsmiling Faces- How Preschools Can Heal

Attachments: [Rainbow Project handout](#)
[Rainbow Pride Project letter](#)

Sharyl Kato with Rainbow Project PRIDE Program
Kato spoke of the importance of support to preschools caring for children with special needs and the cost effectiveness of supporting these children during their early years before more costly intervention services are needed later in life.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [15370](#) Mayor's Budget Announcement

Attachments: [Mayor's Budget Letter](#)

Clingan reviewed the Mayor's budget instructions in a letter dated July 13. The Mayor is requesting agencies to submit two budget scenarios: 0% increase and a 6% reduction to be submitted August 7. OCS has distributed a budget memo to Community Resources agencies that included a calendar outlining committee budget meetings/hearings.

Parker confirmed that the City departments must also cut 6% of their operating budgets.

2. [15371](#) OCS Memo to ECCEC

Attachments: [Child Care Budget Memo](#)

Ibeling reviewed the memo responding to the ECCEC's request for additional agency budget information.

3. [15372](#) 2010 Funding Process Calendar

Attachments: [2010 CSC Budget Calendar for POS Agencies](#)

The public hearing will be Wednesday, July 22, 2009 in Room 260. Bidar-Sielaff mentioned that all agencies received a memo and notice of the Community Services Committee Public Hearing on July 29th. Adams inquired about having meetings in the evening for working parents to attend. The July 29th CSC meeting is at 5:35 pm.

4. [15373](#) 2010 Community Resources Funding allocations
Program Area I - Child Care
Discussion and preliminary funding recommendations

Attachments: [Community Resources Funding Scenarios](#)
[Funding Scenarios for 2010](#)
[ECCEC Priorities](#)

Staff provided handouts to the group. The first document outlined the ECCEC's 2009-2010 funding priorities, adopted by Council in 2008. The second listed the 2009 funding allocations by priority. The last one was a summary of possible funding scenarios for the budget cut of 6% if the Committee chooses to follow its 2009-2010 funding priorities resulting in reductions to A-3 programs to reach the needed reduction of \$52,362.

Parker inquired about what percentage of a given program does the City fund. This information could assist with cut decisions. Bidar-Sielaff stated she would

like to have more funding information to assist in evaluating the impact of cuts and stated it would be helpful to know what programs will be receiving stimulus funds.

Staff reminded the group that this is the second year of a two year process and that the Committee has previously established its funding priorities.

Brown added that there were problems in the past when A-2 programs were cut over A-3 programs. Council made it an issue and overruled the Committee's decision.

Clingan reminded the group their budget recommendations would be submitted to the Mayor on August 7 with eventually Common Council having authority to make final budget decisions.

MOTION by Parker, seconded by Schultz that preliminary 2010 funding recommendations will consist of a 6% across the board cut to all programs. Motion passed by voice vote with Jacob voting no.

5. [15375](#) Economic Benefits of Investing In Early Learning
Presentation scheduled for August 26, 2009

Attachments: [Great Start Investment](#)

This presentation will take place at the August meeting and will be recorded by City Channel.

6. [15377](#) Child Care Assistance Update
Report
Family/Provider Fact Sheets

Attachments: [Clingan Letter](#)
 [Family Letter](#)
 [Provider Letter](#)
 [Facts Sheet](#)
 [Family Obligations](#)
 [Period 6 Report](#)

Staff distributed the report highlighting changes/additions to the report per the Committee's request. Staff also distributed copy of memos to families and providers regarding cost saving measures. The projected deficit is approximately \$40,000 right now, that figure does fluctuate daily/weekly due to reviews, terminations, etc.

7. [12054](#) ECCEC Subcommittee

The next subcommittee will consist of Schultz, Parker and Adams. Adams will miss the August and September meetings.

8. [15382](#) ECCEC Roster Update

Bev Willer resigned from the Committee. There are now 2 vacancies on the Committee.

9. [15379](#) Next Meeting:
 July 22, 2009
 MMB Rm 260
 Public Hearing and ECCEC Meeting

July 22, 2009 is the Public Hearing and next ECCEC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Lasky to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.