



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Thursday, October 20, 2011

8:00 AM

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

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 -

Anita Weier; Scott Peters; Nicole K. Anderson; Patricia A. Lasky and  
Diane B. Adams

**Excused:** 3 -

Muriel Simms; Michael B. Jacob and Celsa G. Rodriguez

**Others Present:** Lynn Edlefsen, Monica Host, Becky Schesny

Peters called the subcommittee to order at 8:04 am.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION** by Lasky, seconded by Adams to approve the September 22, 2011 minutes. Brief discussion about clarifying the rating scale discussion under item #5 is regarding YoungStar. Motion passed by voice vote.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [24268](#) Lynn Edlefsen's Farewell

Lynn attended the meeting and received a thank you letter from the committee. She provided a brief update on her work with the 4K committees.

6. [22204](#) CSC Meeting Report

Anderson reported to the group on the Arbor Hills Neighborhood Plan that was presented at the last CSC meeting. The plan looks to address the needs of the low-income families in the neighborhood. It is a coordinated effort with neighborhood agencies, the City of Madison and the City of Fitchburg.

2. [24269](#)

Budget Update - Bill Clingan

Bill Clingan was unable to attend the meeting. Host discussed the budget updates. The 5% proposed cut the mayor asked for will not be implemented for the Community Development Division budget. This is good news for our programs. However the cost of living increase that has been given to agencies in the past hasn't been included in the budgeted amounts and the living wage amount has increased. City funded agencies must pay employees the living wage amount.

The child care grants and tuition assistance funds also remain the same. Linda Eisele one of the child care specialists will be retiring and her replacement can be hired in Feb 2012. DCPC Satellite and 4-C Data programs are funded through administrative funds. These programs will also receive the same amount as originally allocated.

The mayor's budget does still need to go to council before it is approved in November.

4. [24271](#)

Guidelines For Child Care Assistance and Rates

Host stated that the resolution for new rates went to Council and was referred to BOE. Host also discussed rate surveys done with various center and the Infant/toddler child care rates that are govern by ordinance. Community Services does the age group surveys in October and 4-C collects information in March.

Vari del-Moral Smith discussed the rate surveys. There were several centers with high rates. Adams asked if it was to make up for loses in other places. Vari explained that they are working on assessing the data and what it means. Adams suggested working with an economist.

A 2nd release of funds to address most of the waiting list was implemented.

Owl Creek Effort

Host explained about City efforts in this neighborhood located at Stoughton Rd, Sigglekow Rd, bordering McFarland. It is a subdivision that did not sell all of the units originally built for homeowners. Units were then rented out to low to mid income families. There are no services in the area such as buses. This has caused some problems in the neighborhood.

Latundra Davis will be working with the Community Development Division and neighborhood people as well as social workers and nurses at the schools to assist the families in what they may need. There are 20 targeted families. Child

Care, transportation, employment are all items to be considered.

3.     [24270](#)           2 Year Process Update - Bill Clingan

Lorri Wendorf-Corrigan discussed Owl Creek info as well as the Twin Oaks neighborhood that has Habitat houses but they had a vehicle requirement and are having less problems.

Last year the 2 year process had a lot of changes in goals and priorities. An evaluation was done with agencies, staff and committee members. Staff have been meeting to integrate suggestions from the evaluation into the next funding process.

Currently the neighborhood centers operational costs are being reviewed. The original method of funding has become a bit obsolete and with more centers running more programs it is time to re-evaluate the process. A center survey has gone out to community centers to get their opinions. What each neighborhood center is doing and what each neighborhood needs will be reviewed in looking at the process for funding. Once survey results and staff decisions are made further information will be made available to the group.

5.     [24272](#)           New Member Announcement

Muriel Simms will be joining the committee at next month's meeting. She was recently appointed to the committee by council. She was a past principal at Lincoln School. There are possibly 2 more appointments to be made in the near future. Scott Peters will write a letter to the Mayor regarding membership for the committee.

7.     [19470](#)           ECCEC Subcommittee

The committee decided to cancel the November 17th meeting and move the December meeting up to December 8th. The subcommittee for December 8th will be Anderson, Lasky and Adams.

Brief announcements from Adams:

Saturday October 22 there will be an All About Alec meeting at Pro Mega.

November 18th in the evening from 6-8 there will be a celebration of Harambee which is Swahili for "pull together" to raise funds for an orphanage in Africa. More information will be provided at a later date.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Lasky, seconded by Weier to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 am.  
Motion passed by voice vote.