



# City of Madison

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

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Thursday, July 28, 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:** 6 -

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

**Excused:** 2 -

Lynn E. Edlefson and Michael B. Jacob

**Staff Present:** Monica Host, Connie Williams, Lois Evenson, Bill Clingan, Becky Schesny

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION** by Lasky, seconded by Weier to approve the May 26, 2011 minutes.  
Motion passed by voice vote.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [23383](#) Presentations
  - 8:15 Center for Families - Parents Place  
Mike Kenitz, Teri Weiland
  - 8:30 Rainbow Project - Grandparent's Program/PRIDE  
Sharyl Kato & Kat Koslov
  - 8:45 Canopy Center - Families United Night  
Sherry Gibson

Teri Weiland from Center for Families gave a brief presentation to the group regarding the Parents' Place program.

Sharyl Kato and Kat Koslov from the Rainbow Project gave a brief presentation on the PRIDE Program and Grandparents program.

Sherry Gibson from Canopy Center gave a brief presentation about the Families United Night (FUN) program.

2. [23384](#)

City of Madison Budget - Bill Clingan

Bill explained that the mayor is calling for all City agencies to submit 2012 budgets that reflects a 5% reduction in City Levy funds by August 8th. The entire City Operating Budget will be distributed in October. For the Community Development Division the 5% reduction equals approximately \$382,000.

There will be about a \$140,000 cut within the internal budget of the Community Development Division with the rest coming from service provider contracts. The details are still being discussed internally and all options are being researched. Once final decisions are made more information will be available.

The Council will look to pass the budget in mid November. Mayor would plans to keep the tax levy increase at 3%. Everyone is working to avoid layoffs and furloughs. Still need to determine if Police and Fire will be included in the 5% cuts. Mayor is holding community meetings to give residents a chance to discuss priorities and community need. There is also an online survey being distributed.

Some of the \$140,000 will come out of Child Care funds, but they are also looking for other places to make cuts. Increased Accreditation fees were discussed but those would just go into the City's general fund.

3. [23385](#)

Community Resources evaluation recommendations

Survey monkey was used to create and distribute a survey to committee members, staff and service providers. Results have been gathered and discussed. Staff will meet later today to decide what the next steps will be and how the process will look next time. Hope to have finished plan towards end of September.

4. [23386](#)

Child Care Program Reports  
4K  
YoungStar  
WI Budget Update  
Child Care Assistance Program  
PEP

4K- Program is included in the state budget for \$1.35 million. 4K will begin this fall with about 32 accredited child care programs participating. Model 1 has students attending 4K at MMSD schools and Model 2 has children attending 4K

at their current child care center with MMSD staff coming there to teach. There has been an increase in demand for accreditation because of the needed qualification to be accredited to participate as a community site. Overall school funding did take a hit. The WI state Budget scorecard sheet was distributed to the group.

Anderson asked if parents would have a lower co-pay once the 4K programs starts. Williams explained that they will probably not since anything over 5 hours at a center is considered full time care. 4K programs runs 2 and a half hours each day. (Note: Each child care program will set their own schedules and rates.)

There are numerous questions about how the program will work and who if anyone will conduct evaluations at the end of the first year. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

YoungStar- \$8 million was kept in the budget for this program. 5 stars is the top rating and this will also lead to a 10% increase for WI Shares payments in July 2012.

Community Development Division has asked accredited centers to decline mini-grants and support that YoungStar offers since they already receive more support through the City Child Care program. This will allow state funds to assist more centers that do not have access to the City support services.

WI Budget Update-See budget Scorecard for further details.

Child Care Assistance Program- Program staffing has been stabilized. Family reviews are being completed. There is a plan for a release of funding in August. Possible budget cuts may affect the release. A program report will be made at the August ECCEC mtg.

PEP- The DCPC Preschool Enrichment Program at East Madison Community Center has been funded for the last 10 years but is currently under enrolled. 2011 funding is \$40,060. CDA is rehabbing buildings and residents have been relocated. There are currently only 11 children enrolled and none are from Truax. There was a meeting with DCPC, Community Development Division staff and EMCC. The PEP program will close by September and the PEP program will receive 75% of its funding. This leaves the remainder to be reallocated. Since the funds were originally allocated for the Truax area staff recommend that the funding remain in this geographical (and service population) area and be added to the Truax area East Madison Community Center's Children's Development Program allocation.

MOTION by Lasky, seconded by Adams to allocate the remainder of the DCPC PEP 2011 Community Resources allocation (approximately) \$9,500. (Note: The actual amount to be reallocated is \$9,965.) to the East Madison Community Center Children's Development Program. Motion passed by voice vote.

Adams suggested sharing this with the mayor to inform his office that the Community Development Division is being proactive and working with agencies to ensure funding is utilized completely.

Peters and Anderson will not be at the August meeting. The August 25th Subcommittee will consist of Adams, Lasky and Rodriguez.

6.     [22204](#)     CSC Meeting Report

None, meeting canceled due to lack of quorum.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Lasky to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 am.  
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.