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Meeting Minutes - Approved 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, September 10, 2020

2:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Donna V. Moreland; Claire E. Lind; Elizabeth K. Schroeder; Mykenzie L. Lemberger; Rebecca K. Murray; Lana Nenide; Nancy K. Brien and Dipesh Navsaria

Others present: Coral Manning, Becca Gray, Deb Diaz, Angela Tortorice

Lemberger called the meeting to order at 2:34 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion by Brien, seconded by Navsaria to approve January 9, 2020 minutes.
Motion passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

1. [62150](#) Public Comment ECCEC 9/10/20

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No additional disclosures or recusals

Standard ones.

Navsaria is on the WECA Board. Lind has consulted with accredited centers.

NEW BUSINESS

2. [61980](#) Community Services Committee Information

Manning discussed the open ECCEC representative spot on the Community Services Committee (CSC). Lemberger was the representative, but is no longer able to continue. Manning reviewed the role of CSC and the ECCEC representative. ECCEC members interested in the role can contact Manning. Nominations will be sought at the November meeting to fill the spot.

3. [61981](#) Report from staff on the current state of school-age care for the fall school year

Attachments: [School-Age Stabilization Funding Allocations Q1 20-21.pdf](#)

Manning reported 85% of regulated child care programs (group and family) are operating as of last week. 4K is now held both virtually and in person. Elementary virtual learning has been the focus from June through now. Many organizations are collaborating to support school age children and learning during COVID-19. The Child Care Unit has adapted to the changing needs with COVID-19. The normal classroom observations are not happening. Child Care Specialists are instead assisting centers to navigate the changing regulations and best practices for operating during COVID-19.

The City is providing \$100,000 in stabilization funds for accredited centers or neighborhood centers that conduct school age programs with virtual learning support for elementary aged children. Manning shared the allocation amounts with the committee.

4. [61982](#) Tuition Assistance Report (1st and 2nd quarters)

Attachments: [ECCEC Tuition Assistance Report Q1 and Q2 2020](#)

Manning reviewed the report with the group. The program served approximately 30 children each quarter. The program followed the lead of WI Shares with continuing child care payments through June. Tijerino worked with families as their circumstances changed due to COVID-19 to maintain child care stability.

The lower number of children served reflects a smaller eligibility pool. Low-income families often qualify for WI Shares. Families with higher income may qualify for the City program but are still unable to afford to live, work and attain child care within the City due to the higher cost of living. Families are leaving the City for more affordable areas.

5. [61983](#) Child Care Budget Request Overview

Attachments: [2021 Child Care Unit Budget.pdf](#)

Manning reviewed the mayor's instructions for the 2021 budget. The Child Care Unit will review current policy and programs to better serve low-income families. This includes revisiting the Pathways program and the best protocol for serving more low-income families. A potential change to tuition assistance program is another option. A format that helps to cover the gap for families between WI Shares rates and the actual cost of care. This would work more like a scholarship and be paid to centers twice a year instead of monthly. The details still need to be further determined. Any changes to the program would require an update to the ordinance.

Long-term solutions include collaborating with agencies to provide professional development services to centers and those who want to start a child care business. Further solutions including child care space in new affordable housing developments and ongoing subsidies within housing developments to continue sustainability of child care center. The Children's Funding Project is collaborating on an initiative that would utilize tax revenue

for child care in Southwest Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Navsaria, seconded by Brien to adjourn the meeting at 3:56 pm.
Motion passed by voice vote.