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Meeting Minutes - Draft 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, March 11, 2021

2:30 PM

Virtual

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Nasra Wehelie; Claire E. Lind; (Lisa) Anna M. Berry; Elizabeth K. Schroeder; Mykenzie L. Lemberger; Rebecca K. Murray; Nancy K. Brien and Dipesh Navsaria

Staff present: Coral Manning, Rommel Tijerino, Deb Diaz, Nathan Beck, Jim O'Keefe

Lemberger called the meeting to order at 2:33 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [64420](#) Public Comment March ECCEC Meeting

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Navsaria, seconded by Brien to approve January 14, 2021 minutes.
Discussion: Navsaria informed the group he is no longer on the WECA board. It can be removed from the Disclosures and Recusals section in the January minutes. Motion to approve updated minutes passed via voice vote.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

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

Navsaria is no longer on WECA board. The Disclosures and Recusals section will be updated to reflect this.

NEW BUSINESS

2. [64421](#) Child Care Unit Hiring Update
Child Care Specialist Position
Early Care & Education Manager Position

Manning discussed the ECCEC membership updates. Lemberger was approved by the Council and will remain as chair. Nenide is no longer on the committee. Sylvia Ramirez will likely take Nenide's place. Council will need to approve

this appointment.

Manning discussed there is an accepted offer for the Child Care Specialist position. Candidate name not shared due to pending final steps. Manning shared she has taken a new position and will no longer work for the city. The Early Care Manager position will be posted quickly with Yolanda Morris-Shelton and Terri Strong taking the lead. The Infant Mental Health Consultant position will be posted later this year.

3. [64422](#)

Update on School Age Care

Nathan Beck shared current school age program information. Schools are returning to in person classes and details are not finalized. Community sites provided space necessary to continue school age programs to continue providing services when MMSD space was no longer a viable option. Referendum based school repair work is scheduled to begin this summer. School Age programs may need to shift locations to accommodate space limitations.

4. [64423](#)

Update on Tuition Assistance Revamp

Attachments: [Tuition Assistance Redesign Overview 3-11-21](#)

Tijerino discussed the plan to wrap up the current tuition assistance program. Manning discussed outreach would include families, providers and the larger community. Tentative plan is outreach in spring 2021, draft policy manual in July and begin educating partners at the end of 2021 or beginning of 2022. New program starting approximately May 2022.

5. [64424](#)

Community Services Committee (CSC) Report - Rebecca Murray

Murray discussed COVID relief funds RFP process for rental assistance and eviction prevention. Programs for violence prevention, community safety and families impacted by violence will also receive funding. O'Keefe share additional funding information.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Navsaria, seconded by Murray to adjourn at 3:10 pm. O'Keefe thanked Coral for her work. Motion passed by voice vote.