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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, November 11, 2021

2:30 PM

Virtual

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Jael Currie; Claire E. Lind; (Lisa) Anna M. Berry; Rebecca K. Murray;
Sylvia F. Ramirez and Dipesh Navsaria

Absent: 1 - Nancy K. Brien

Others Present: Monty Marsh, Rommel Tijerino, Deb Diaz

Navsaria called the meeting to order at 2:36 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [68258](#) Public Comment ECCEC November 2021

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Murray, seconded by Ramirez to approve July 8, 2021 minutes.
Motion passed unanimously.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Standard Ones
Lind has consulted with accredited centers.

No new disclosures.

NEW BUSINESS

2. [66205](#) Child Care Unit Hiring Update
Introduction of new Early Care & Education Manager
Infant Mental Health Consultant position

Monty Marsh introduced himself to the committee as the new Early Care and Education Manager.

Marsh also discussed the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant position posting. The posting closes at the end of November with the plan of filling the position in January or February of 2022.

3. [68249](#) ECCEC Membership Update

Marsh discussed Brien and Murray's reappointment confirmation to the committee for another 2 years. Ramirez switched from a resident member to the child care consumer member. The 2 current vacancies are Child Care Worker and Resident Member. Members can contact Monty or Becky if they have potential candidates to fit those slots.

4. [66207](#) Nomination of ECCEC Chair

Navsaria clarified previous question regarding stipulations on committee chairs.

- Alders cannot serve as chairs when committees have resident members.
- Chair position to be selected at least every 2 years, but it may be more frequent.
- Committees can have co-chairs.

Motion by Murray, seconded by Ramirez to nominate Murray as Chair. Motion passed unanimously. Navsaria will continue as Vice Chair.

5. [68251](#) ECCEC 2022 Schedule

Marsh discussed the proposed 2022 schedule on the 2nd Thursday of every other month beginning in January. Committee accepted the proposed schedule.

Per request from City of Madison, the committee voted to set a default meeting format. Motion by Murray, seconded by Ramirez to set meeting default as virtual meetings. The vote was unanimous. Default format can be revisited in the future.

6. [68252](#) Future ECCEC meeting topics

Marsh asked members for potential future meeting topics. The following were listed:

- City plans for future of childcare.
- City efforts with Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) and the economic side of child care
- City plan for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds
- How city receives licensing feedback
- National child care landscape and local response
- Child Care workforce issues regarding wages and staff retention. How to support effort for increase in workers and worker stability.
- Statewide efforts/updates from DCF staff
- MMSD, 4K, Early Care and City efforts

Murray left the meeting.

7. [68250](#) Tuition Assistance Program Update

Marsh discussed scholarship program revamp was on hold pending state and federal initiatives being rolled out. The increase in WI Shares coverage of the cost of care will affect the revamp.

Tijerino discussed the current tuition assistance program. The program is averaging \$45,000 - \$50,000 per quarter. Reviews have been relaxed to allow for family and center stability. There has been an increase in inquiries as the economy bounces back. Should be an increase in participants in coming months.

8. [66209](#) CSC Report - Rebecca Murray

Murray left meeting early. Report will be given at next scheduled meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ramirez, seconded by Currie to adjourn at 3:09 pm. Motion passed unanimously.