

**Department of Workforce Services
Office of Child Care Advisory Committee
Minutes for Wednesday January 8, 2014**

Committee Attendees:

Simon Bolivar	Debbie Tilley	Rhonda Dosset
Alda Jones	Janis Dubno	Danielle Pallin
Sue Okroy	Johnny Anderson	Marianne Henderson (Judy Jackson)

Guests:

Carrie Stott	Leah Schilling	Crystal Knippers
Diane Wilkinson	Janna Forsgren	Colleen Murphy
Lisa Palmer	Anneli Segura	Betsy Sutherland
Encarni Gallardo	Lis Barker	Leslie Trottier
Joyce Hastings	Charlene Allen	

Excused:

Julia Mohr	Janet Wade
------------	------------

Welcome

Motion to approve minutes from November
Motion- Simone Bolivar
Seconds- Rhonda Dosset
Approved

Program Updates

CAC- The grants have been released you can find them on the CAC website. There have been several successful applicants, centers and families alike. There are 20-30 waiting to be approved for criteria. The criteria renewal process seems to be working well.

Professional Development- We have approved an online 20 hr math class for Career Ladder. Trainer competencies were discussed and when the wrinkles are worked out we will bring them for you to see. We talked about possibly using coaching hours to be recognized for Career Ladder.

Research Project & Quality Environment Grants- Validation study for QRIS we are currently training people to use ECERS. Hoping by June we should know critical items that will help programs to reach a higher level. We will be releasing grants in the spring.

Infant/Toddler Update-

All programs are ready to begin again. The Baby Steps group will be all new. Next Steps grants are competitive and need a current observation to apply. Two year olds are ready to cycle out the first group that is done with Infant/Toddler grants. The new group will now include the programs that start at the age of 2 no infants or toddlers. This includes 10 hrs of training that they need to attend upfront.

Agency Updates

Licensing

Joyce Hasting is the new training specialist. We are going back to 2 trainers, one will take over the Salt Lake Region and Joyce will take care of Provo Region, each will be responsible for Centers and Homes. Last year was the first year for home providers to report immunizations to licensing, there were only 14 homes that did not report, out of 900. And there were 2 centers. Civil money penalties were not issued to the homes this year. The Interpretation Manual is updated every year and the new version will be available by the end of January. Licensing is hiring for trainers and licensors.

USOE

Kindergarten pamphlets are ready to go in English or Spanish. You can pick them from the office or let Sue know and she can bring them to the next meeting.

Director Comments

Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN)-

As of October, license exempt providers will be required to meet new requirements which include completing an application with CCL, current First Aid, current CPR, fire inspection, home inspection, and orientation. Current providers are being notified in March and have 60 days to comply with the application, First Aid and CPR requirements. Some FFN will pull out of subsidy or the kids will go elsewhere. Unsure of what will happen.

Payment to Provider-

Subsidy will be paid to providers now instead of parents. No longer EBT. DD only. This will be income and you will get a 1099. This applies to FFN also. The catch is the provider needs to electronically confirm that they do have the children. By the 10th of the month payment will be made after confirmation. Min of 5 days to confirm and then payment made. Money can not be taken from the state for a 2 week notice not met. Do not mark that the kids will be there if you are unsure or haven't had contact with them. If you can reasonably anticipate they will be there then mark but the money will have to be returned if they do not attend for 5 days. July is a teaser date.

(Provider website request to tally up amount on checklist and maybe a print option like a receipt.)

Subsidy Rate increase-

Submitted Building block request. 2009 was last time we had funding. Governor proposed \$600,000 for subsidy and \$500,000 for afterschool. Afterschool will allow to draw down match.

We will use the \$600,000 to increase rates for licensed center care only in the infant care, 3,4,5 year old age categories to be around the 60th percentile. Some categories are at the 43 % percentile now. Licensed center were the lowest recognized. As funds become available we can look at increasing other categories of care. May teaser date.

Auto 980-

looking at automating the 980. July teaser date.

Expedited Child Care month-

Gathering info to establish rules for expedited child care. When applicant applies for CC answer 3 questions. If they qualify for expedited we can issue it. They would still need to turn in all info with in the month to keep it going. October teaser date.

Annual reviews-

We are proposing 12 month eligibility. December teaser date.

Job search-

One occurrence per year. If customer loses full time employment, they can have up to 60 days to job search (current month plus following month). Parents will be required to job search and update on line to keep on the program. Looking at possibly paying a part time rate to keep the slot. This helps to families to retain child care stability and benefits providers by getting a part time payment rather than the customer being completely ineligible. October teaser date.

Public Comment

Carolyn- March 22nd Conference at Weber State University.

Alda-Early Child Hood Utah is the State Advisory Council. Goals are for funding cross agencies, Social Emotional, Access to Health Care and Education, Parents and Education, Early Care and Education.

Adjourn