



**Commission on Child Care
Annual Planning Retreat-Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2020-Approved
Virtual Meeting Held Via Microsoft Teams**

Members Present: Barbara Andrews, L'Ornya Bowie, Hashan Chowdhury Tracey Clay, William Hegwood, Yvonne Iscandari, Ed Krauze, Sybil Philip, Tara Philips, Bill Polman and Verna Washington

Members Absent: Lindsey Allard-Agnamba and Sherry Tsigounis

Guests Present: Sarah Wilch-Spamer (DHHS) and Alicia Cross (OCCD)

Staff Present: Erin Stillwell (DHHS)

Meeting Called to Order: Sybil Philp (standing in for Lindsey Allard-Agnamba, Chair) called the virtual meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

Review and Vote on Meeting Minutes:

Review and Vote on November 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes

ACTION: Motion to Accept Minutes from November 18, 2020

Motion: Hashan Chowdhury

2nd: Ed Krauze

All in favor

Commission Business:

- **Work Plan Discussion focusing on:**
 - Sustainability
 - Access and Affordability
 - Alignment
 - Summary of discussion: The CCC needs to identify ways to share insights/concerns about Covid recovery with appropriate sources (i.e., CE and CCC); identify where the general public gets their information on these topics
- **Montgomery Moving Forward: ECE Entity Project Discussion:**
 - Summary of discussion: concern that entity project does not address school age child care; CCC historically has focused on looking at school age child care issues

Updates:

- Yvonne Iscandari: Awaiting updated information to be released from MSDE
- Bill Polman: Still working on child care hubs
 - 66 child care hubs are currently open; 3 more will open before the winter holidays
 - Children's Opportunity Fund is working on equity hubs for MCPS school aged children
- Verna Washington: Concern about vaccine administration for child care providers and teachers who are current on the frontlines (letter from State Superintendent)

Next Steps/Action Items:

- Work on draft plan for the year: Will, Tracey and Hashan have volunteered to update the plan
- Tara is attending MMF meeting tomorrow, will raise concerns about school aged care not being present in entity project; full commission might decide to provide additional follow up to MMF (will discuss at January 2020 meeting)
- Follow-up on sending letter to Gov. Hogan about vaccine prioritization for child care providers (Erin will discuss with Lindsey)

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.