



**Commission on Child Care  
Meeting Summary  
September 20, 2017**

**Members Present:** Barbara Andrews, Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta, Michelle Belski, L'Ornya Bowie Hashan Chowdhury, Carl Eggleston, Yvonne Iscandari, Ed Krauze, Sybil Philip, Laura Seminario-Thornton, Claudia Simmons, Greg Smith, and Greg Stevens

**Members Absent:** Lindsey Allard-Agnamba, Pamela Dunn, Diana Holzberger, Jessica Kelley and Dr. Mayme Williams

**Guests Present:** Williams Polman (CUPF), Christina Peusch and Shaun Rose

**Staff Present:** Erin Stillwell (DHHS)

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Greg Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

**Minutes:** Review of meeting minutes from July 19, 2017

**ACTION:** Meeting minutes were approved with no changes: all in favor

**Membership Update:**

- Lynn Sobolov (Collaboration Council) and Lara Woodruff (Provider Rep) have both resigned from the CCC
- Current vacancies: 2 Business/General Public, 1 Parent, and 1 Provider

**Recommendations Discussion**

- PP and PI discussed possible recommendation for annual report
- Committees will finalize their recommendations, circulate to the full commission and present for a final vote on October 18, 2017

**Visitors to the Commission**

Christina Peusch, Executive Director, Maryland State Child Care Association  
Shaun Rose, Vice Pres., Maryland State Child Care Association

**Cost of Care Survey:**

- Creating a survey to access more accurate numbers for the cost of care; need better data from provider for what they charge
- MSDE will distribute the survey b/w October 1-31<sup>st</sup> to providers to get a sense of cost of care; one page, confidential meeting; available online and via paper

***Shared MSCCA Priorities Agenda (handout)***

- Would like feedback on the priorities to gather a consensus of what is important in the early care and education community
- MSCCA is co-sponsoring night in Annapolis “An Evening for Children’s Advocacy” on January 29<sup>th</sup> 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.

### Updates

- **Early Childhood Coordinating Council** (Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta)
  - ECCC met today (9.20.17)
  - Discussed Uma’s proposal to incorporate CCC into the ECCC; Uma will come to the ECCC on Thursday, October 26, 2017 (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) at HOB, 401 Hungerford Drive to discuss status of this concept
- **State Updates** (Barbara Andrews)
  - Committee report sent to the Kirwan Commission
  - Monica Ortiz is attending many of these State policy meetings and workgroups
- **WPA/Subsidy** (Yvonne Iscandari)

### Announcements

- Infants and Toddlers has hired a new director, Ms. Mary Manning-Falzarano (Barbara Andrews)
- OCC has lost one licensing specialist; public portal pilot mode has been shutdown to address payment issues—no date of when it will go back online (Carl Eggleston)
- MSCCA hosting a leadership symposium (registration online) October 12<sup>th</sup> in Clarksville; full day of training (Christina Peusch)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.