



Commission on Child Care Meeting Summary October 16, 2019

Members Present: Barbara Andrews, Michelle Belski, Hashan Chowdhury, William Hegwood, Yvonne Iscandari, Ed Krauze, Sybil Philip, Bill Polman, Keneisha Roberts, Laura Seminario-Thornton and Verna Washington

Members Absent: Lindsey Allard-Agnamba, Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta, L'Ornya Bowie, Pamela Dunn, Carl Eggleston, Greg Smith and Greg Stevens

Guests Present: Sarah Wilch-Spamer (DHHS), Monica Ortiz (DHHS), Tara Philip (Easter Seals), Wilma Nava (Latino Child Care Association), Antonio Hernandez-Cardoso (Latino Child Care Association) and Alicia Cross (Organization of Child Care Directors)

Staff Present: Erin Stillwell (DHHS)

Meeting Called to Order: Michelle Belski, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

Introduction of Guests

Chair/Vice Chair Report Out

- Report out from CCC meeting with Councilmember Glass-September 25, 2019
- Report out from Policy Priorities Presentation to HHS Committee of County Council-October 10, 2019
- Report out from BCC Chair meeting with Dr. Raymond Crowel-October 2, 2019
 - Dr. Crowel shared an idea to come up with joint priorities; collective effort by BCC under HHS; determine cross connections across BCCs

September 18, 2019 Meeting Summary-not able to vote due to lack of quorum

Commission Business:

- **Review and Discussion of Recommendations for Annual Report** (will recirculate with changes)
- **Review of CCC 2020 meeting calendar:** all present were aware that meetings are moving to the 4th Wednesday of the month beginning in January 2020
- **Discussion about Proposed MSDE Licensing Regulation Changes**
 - **Concerns about specific proposed regulations**
 - **Public comment closes on November 12th**
 - **Michelle will develop a statement for the CCC and circulate for a vote; then will need to submit an Advocacy Request through the Office of Intergovernmental Relations**

- **Updates:**
 - **CUPF (Bill Polman)**
 - CUPF is developing a framework to address child care in MCPS; will move this framework to the County Council and Board of Education; stakeholders will be invited to comment on the details
 - **WPA (Yvonne Iscandari)**
 - 115 Children receiving WPA at this time
 - **Early Childhood Coordinating Council (Michelle Belski)**
 - Michelle will create a report out and email out to the full CCC
 - **State Early Care and Education (Monica Ortiz)**
 - 2 Part Grant; addressing prenatal-age 3; Montgomery County and Baltimore City have representation; statewide focus on the early years
 - **ECE Initiative (Michelle Belski reported out from stakeholder meeting)**
 - Michelle attended the stakeholder portion of the Access and Affordability Subcommittee
 - Mother who has a child in early head start spoke about the challenges of having her child age out of early head start and not have a program in which to transition

Community Awareness and Engagement:

- Monica Ortiz shared that on November 25th (6-8 pm) there will be a Community Forum on the ECE Initiative; both County Executive Elrich and Council President Navarro will be in attendance; members of the CCC should receive invitations

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.