

# Commission on Child Care Full Commission Meeting-Meeting Minutes January 26, 2022 Approved Virtual Meeting Held Via Microsoft Teams

**Members Present**: Barbara Andrews, Tracey Clay, Elka Forbes, Allison Fialkov, Will Hegwood, Brandon Howard, Jennifer Penrose, Tara Phillips, Bill Polman, Nagwa Rizk, and Verna Washington

**Members Absent**: Lindsey Allard-Agnamba, L'Ornya Bowie, Gearline Bryan, Yvonne Iscandari, Laurie Moran, Lesley Romanoff, and Verna Washington

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

**Meeting Called to Order:** Tara Phillips (for Tracey Clay), rotating chair, called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm

### Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

# Review and Vote of December 22, 2021, Meeting Minutes

Action: Motion to accept the December 22, 2021, meeting minutes with amendments to the

attendance

Motion: Tara Phillips 2<sup>nd</sup>: Allison Fialkov

Full vote taken via roll call: all in favor

# **Update on CCC Business**

CCC will call for nominations for chair and vice at the March 2022 meeting; election for new chair and vice chair will take place at the May 2022 meeting

**Discussion of the "Access and Affordability" Portion of the Early Childhood Education Initiative (ECEI) Action Plan** (Lead by Dr. Barbara Andrews)

## **Updates:**

Written Update provided by Y. Iscandari for WPA/State Supplement:

- Number of children receiving WPA (to date): 292
- Number of children on State Scholarship receiving Supplements (to date): 1163
- Effective Nov 1, 2021, income (to 425% of FPL and subsidy levels were increased from 65-80% of FPL to 85-100% FPL)
- Projecting an effective date of July 1, 2022, to start serving children with non-lawful immigration status (undocumented). Planning and development on implementation is underway. We plan to embark on a marketing campaign in early spring to first find out public interest
- Upgrade to system with community portal to come by the end of this calendar year

**Announcement/Comments:**Tracey Clay wanted to share her thanks with HHS/ECS for distributing mask and covid test kits to child care providers in Montgomery County

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm