



Commission on Child Care Meeting Summary February 26, 2020

Members Present: Barbara Andrews, Michelle Belski, L'Ornya Bowie, Tracey Clay, Carl Eggleston, William Hegwood, Sybil Philip, Tara Philips, Laura Seminario-Thornton and Greg Smith

Members Absent: Lindsey Allard-Agnamba, Hashan Chowdhury, Pamela Dunn, Yvonne Iscandari, Ed Krauze, William Polman, Keneisha Roberts and Verna Washington

Guests Present: Monica Ortiz (DHHS), Sarah Wilch-Spamer (DHHS),

Staff Present: Erin Stilwell (DHHS)

Meeting Called to Order: Michelle Belski, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04

Chair/Vice Chair Updates

- **Report Out from January 30th County Council ECE Initiative**
- **State Legislative Updates**
 - **HB:13-86:** Requiring the regulations adopted by the State Board of Education to govern the licensing and operation of child care centers to include provisions that establish certain qualifications for child care teachers and require each child care center employee to complete certain training within 90 days after the individual is hired; and requiring the State Department of Education to review an individual's qualifications for employment in a child care center within 14 days after receiving a complete application.
<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2020RS/bills/hb/hb1386f.pdf>

The CCC decided that they do not want to provide comment(s) on HB 13-86.

Approval of January 22, 2020 Meeting Summary:

ACTION: Review and vote of meeting summary from January 22, 2020

Motion: Tracey Clay

2nd: William Hegwood

Commission Business:

- County Exec will release the budget on March 16th; will sent an electronic copy of the budget to the full CCC on March 16th
- During the March 2020 meeting, CCC will build the slate for chair and vice chair election
- Provided updated information on commission membership, terms and vacancies

- *Programmatic Issues Committee Update*: reviewed letter provided by Essie McGuire and Ramona Bell Pearson written by Dr. Jack Smith: created response points to the letter
- *Public Policy Committee Update*: WPA survey: have made modifications to survey based on feedback; want to send the survey electronically via a phone app; no specific time frame but would not want to send it out over the summer

Brief Updates

Office of Child Care (Carl Eggleston)

- OCC hired 5 new licensing specialist trainees
- MSDE/Child Care Regulations went into effect and have been published on the website

ECE Initiative (Barbara Andrews)

- Committees have completed work; action plan and year one accomplishment report will be written and published in April 2020; committees will reconvene in June 2020

WPA (Provided via email from David Carter for Yvonne Iscandari)

- Number of Families receiving WPA: 89
- Number of Children receiving WPA: 141
- Total Number of Supplements Issued to Date-Families: 911
- Total Number of Supplements Issued to Date-Children: 1, 290

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm