

# Commission on Child Care Full Commission Meeting-Meeting Minutes February 24, 2021-Approved Virtual Meeting Held Via Microsoft Teams

**Members Present**: Lindsey Allard-Agnamba, Barbara Andrews, L'Ornya Bowie, Hashan Chowdhury, Tracey Clay, Will Hegwood, Bill Polman, Tara Philips, and Verna Washington

Members Absent: Yvonne Iscandari, Ed Krauze and Sherry Tsigousnis

Guests Present: Alicia Cross (OCCD)

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

**Meeting Called to Order:** Lindsey Allard-Agnamba, chair, called the virtual meeting to order at 6:09 pm

## **Roll Call and Introduction of Guests**

• Alicia Cross, Guest from Organization of Child Care Directors

#### **Review and Vote on Meeting Minutes:**

Review and Vote on January 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes

## ACTION: Motion to Accept Minutes from January 27, 2021

Motion: L'Ornya Bowie 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tracey Clay All in favor

## **Commission Business:**

## • Work Plan Discussion

- Lindsey presented the updated work plan for the CCC
- CCC will focus on identifying "sprints" (parts of the action plan that can be manageable task/items the CCC members can accomplish in a 1-3-month period
- ECEI Action Plan Update
  - Barbara provide updates on ECEI Action Plan as it relates to the upcoming budget
  - Recovery efforts are going on at the same time as action plan
  - Focus remains on sustainability, access, and affordability
- CCC "Sprint" Plan
  - First "sprint" will focus on the budget review and recommendation process; however, will try to incorporate concerns (stories) from child care providers

who are struggling to remain in business as the result of the pandemic; end product should result in testimony (letter) to CE and CC

- Discussion: House Bill 1307
  - No action will be taken at this time
- Discussion; Email from Coalition for School Age Child Care
  - Bill Polman had been working with the Coalition and was aware of their concerns about MCPS and public space
  - No action will be taken at this time

## Next Steps/Action Items:

- Future Work Item:
  - Tara will connect with center directors to compiling stories/experiences to possibly use in written testimony
  - Tracy will connect with center directors to compiles stories/experiences; also, can assist with reviewing the budget
  - L'Ornya will assist with the budget review/analysis and assist with edits of testimony
  - Lindsey will provide oversight/leadership and will help create "assignments" to guide the progression of this "sprint"; also update the workplan

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm