



**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)

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 1-31st 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 29th 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 12th in Clarksville; full day of training (Christina Peusch)

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