



**Commission on Child Care
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2024-Approved
Hosted on Microsoft TEAMS**

Members Present: Jennifer Arnaiz, L'Ornya Bowie, Allison Fialkov, Elka Forbes, Brandon Howard, Laurie Moran, Tara Phillips, Nagwa Rizk and Lesley Romanoff

Members Absent: Tracey Clay, Yvonne Iscandari, and Bill Polman

Staff Present: Erin Stilwell (DHHS)

Meeting Called to Order: Elka Forbes, CCC Co-Vice Chair, called the (virtual) full commission meeting to order at 6:38 pm

Roll Call & Introduction of Guests

- No guests present

ACTION:

Review and vote on November 29, 2023 meeting minutes

Motion to Approve minutes as written: L'Ornya Bowie

Second: Lesley Romanoff

All in favor

BCC Risk Management Volunteer Policy and Form (Staff, Erin Stillwell)

All members of the CCC were requested to review the BCC risk management volunteer policy and complete the risk management volunteer form. A link to the form was provided and will be sent out a second time for those members who have not yet completed.

Presentation: EquiCare Grant (Jennifer Arnaiz)

Continued Discussion and Planning: ECE Listening Session scheduled for April 17, 2024

Brandon Howard led a conversation on the continued planning for the April 17th event hosted by the CCC:

- Event's name has been changed from a "summit" to a "listening session"
- Event purpose: invite ECE stakeholder from DMV to learn "who is doing what"
 - List challenges in current ECE environment and find creative solutions
 - Determine the policy priorities for other stakeholders in the DMV and how are they addressing these priorities
- Common workforce themes in ECE environment:
 - Shortage of qualified teachers
- Commissioners are asked to submit names/contacts for invite list to Erin prior to February 28th meeting

Commissioner Updates/Announcements: None provided

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm