



COMMISSION ON CHILD CARE
Meeting Summary
March 18, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Andrews, Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta, Rossana Espinoza-Thorndahl, Michelle Green, Diana Holzberger, Edward Krauze, Bernadine Occhiuzzo, Shaun Rose, Claudia Simmons, Barbara Warman

GUESTS PRESENT: JoAnn Barnes, Michael Subin

Michelle Green called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ACTION: Approval of the summary of the February 4, 2015 (additional) full Commission meeting – Motion: Shaun Rose; Second: Bernadine Occhiuzzo. All in favor – 7 voting members present.

CHAIRS REPORT: Michelle Green reported that CCC has signed on to the joint mental health Statement from DHHS Commissions and Boards re: the Inclusion of more therapists who are culturally competent and a system of care for mental health services in the County.

WPA funding remains flat and there are no funds to implement the WPA Workgroup recommendations. JoAnn Barnes, Chief of Children, Youth and Families DHHS reported that it is Mr. Leggett’s intention to have a dialogue about WPA with the County Council. Once the Executive’s proposed budget is released it is the role of County Staff to support the budget.

Michelle Green is working with the Collaboration Council on Children, Youth and Families’ Child Wellbeing Subcommittee (and JoAnn Barnes, as well). Michelle reported that there is no funding for the work through the County or grants. The Children’s Opportunity Fund is in the Executive’s proposed budget in the amount of \$250,000 to match an MCPS contribution of \$250,000. JoAnn Barnes reported that this is “seed money” for a high level policy board to focus on children’s’ issues (all age groups).

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion: March 4, 2015 additional Full Commission Meeting overview of three Council Bills; public hearing on Mr. Riemer’s on 3-17-15.

JoAnn Barnes reported that the County Executive and DHHS is supporting Mrs. Navarro's bill on Quality Initiative aimed at Family Child Care Providers. The County Executive and DHHS are not supporting Mr. Riemer's bill on a new Child Care Office. DHHS has taken no position on Mrs. Navarro's CUPF Bill.

ACTION: Vote to support three bills with a letter to the Council President – Motion by Shaun Rose and second by Bernadine Occhiuzzo -8 voting members present – all in favor. Draft letter to move forward through email process for any changes and sent to Mr. Leventhal with a cc to Mr. Leggett.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Programmatic Issues: No Committee Meetings

Membership: 3 new members for confirmation by Council; new advertisement for members to be posted

Public Policy: No Committee Meetings

UPDATES:

Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) - Postponed

State Early Childhood Update – Postponed

Announcements:

Tour De Cookie is on May 2 - Barbara Andrews will send out more information on the event and how to sign up to collaborate with The Commission on Children and Youth.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.