



**Early Childhood Coordinating Council**  
**Wednesday, October 20, 2021**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Approved**

**Members Present:** Barbara Andrews, Jennifer Arnaiz, Stephanie Brant, Jody Burghardt, Cindy Chichester-Olivierre, Robin Chernoff, Amy Cropp, Richard Crump, Joan Glick, Cassandra Malik, Mary Manning-Falzarano, Laurie Moran, Charlene Muhammad, Bernadine Occhiuzzo, Jade-Ann Rennie, Kimberly Rusnak, Charisse Scott, Rebecca Smith, Louise Tolin, Lynnette Weaver, and Taniesha Woods Myles

**Members Absent:** Carrie Meyer, Paula Sayag and Vivian Yao

**Guest Present:** Jenice Bruce

**DHHS Staff Support:** Michelle Gallipoli, Erin Stillwell and Sarah Wilch-Spamer

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**Jody Burghardt called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.**

**Roll Call and Introduction of Guests**

**Review and Vote of Meeting Minutes from September 15, 2021 ECCC Meeting**

**ACTION:**

Motion to accept the minutes as written: Bernadine Occhiuzzo

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Taniesha Woods Myles

All in Favor

**ECCC UPDATES**

- **Membership Update:** Joan Glick announced that she will be retiring from her work with Montgomery County School Health Services on December 1, 2021. Ms. Glick is working to identify a person within DHHS, School Health Services to nominate as her replacement on the ECCC.
- **ECCC Meeting Update:** ECCC meetings will be schedule in the Spring 2022 since no decision has been made about the proposal for the ECCB or another coordinating entity.
- **ECCC Leadership:** The ECCC did not hold an election last year due to the unknown future of the council under its current structure. The ECCC will call for nominations for anyone who would like to be considered for the role of chair and/or vice chair. Jody Burghardt and Taniesha Woods Myles have agreed to remain in their leadership roles until the end of the council year if no other members are interested in serving. Anyone who is interested is asked to email Erin Stillwell prior to the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **Review and Vote of ECCC FY22 Policy Priorities for 2021-2022 Year**

- **ECCC members provided minor edits to the language in the priorities statement**

### **ACTION:**

Motion to accept the FY 22 Policy Priorities with stated edits: Charlene Muhammad

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Jennifer Arnaiz

All in Favor

## **Review and Vote of ECCC 2020-2021 Annual Report**

Motion to accept the 2020-2021 Annual Report as written: Charlene Muhammad

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Mary Manning-Falzarano

All in Favor

## **Early Childhood Services Updates (Jennifer Arnaiz)**

- ECS hosted 2 Facebook Live Events (Spanish/English) to help families learn about ways to locate child care resources in Montgomery County.
  - Many of the participants had questions about how to access child care subsidies; questions about the difference between the state child care scholarship program and the local WPA program.
  - Participants were also interested in learning about what questions to ask when looking for a child care provider.
- ECS will be hiring a family navigator to assist families in locating and securing child care.

## **Committee Meetings and Report Outs**

### **Announcements and Reminders:**

- Reminder that next month's ECCC meeting will be hosted on November 17<sup>th</sup> with a start time of 10:30 am (not 10:00 am) due to a conflict with the HHS Committee Policy Priorities Roundtable

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.**