



**Early Childhood Coordinating Council
Wednesday, November 17, 2021
Virtual Meeting
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Approved Meeting
Minutes**

Members Present: Barbara Andrews, Jennifer Arnaiz, Stephanie Brant, Robin Chernoff, Amy Cropp, Richard Crump, Cassandra Malik, Mary Manning-Falzarano, Charlene Muhammad, Jade-Ann Rennie, Kimberly Rusnak, Charisse Scott, Louise Tolin, Taniesha Woods Myles, and Vivian Yao

Members Absent: Jody Burghardt, Cindy Chichester-Olivierre, Joan Glick, Carrie Meyer, Laurie Moran, Bernadine Occhiuzzo, Paula Sayag, Rebecca Smith, and Lynnette Weaver

Guest Present: Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta, Leah Bradley, Jenice Bruce and Sharon Friedman

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

Dr. Taniesha Woods Myles called the meeting to order at 10:34 am

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

Review and Vote of Meeting Minutes from October 20, 2021 ECCC Meeting

ACTION:

Motion to accept the minutes as written: Dr. Robin Chernoff

2nd Motion: Charlene Muhammad

All in Favor

Report Out from County Council HHS Committee Policy Priorities Roundtable: Dr. Taniesha Woods Myles attended the November 17th HHS Committee meeting and shared the three (3) top policy priorities from the ECCC.

ECCC Leadership Update: As of November 17, 2021, no members of the ECCC expressed interest in serving as the chair and/or vice chair. Jody Burghardt and Dr. Taniesha Woods Myles have agreed to remain in their current leadership positions for the conclusion of the ECCC 2021-22 calendar year.

Committee Break Out Sessions: Dr. Taniesha Woods Myles shared a set of questions and recommended that each committee use these questions to guide their work.

ECEI Action Plan Update: Dr. Barbara Andrews provided the following updates on the Action Plan: 1) ECS is working on two RFPs for a child care supply and demand study and cost of quality care studies; 2) HHS is working on the portal for WPA (Working Parents Assistance Program); 3) HHS is working on a pilot program that would help identify seats in child care programs for those 3-year-old children aging out of Head Start and work with the provider to fund these seats.

Early Care and Education Entity Update: Dr. Barbara Andrews helped clarify the different entity projects: 1) County Executive's proposal for the Early Childhood Coordinating Board and 2) Bill 42-21 Early Care and Education Coordinating Entity

Announcements:

- Sharon Friedman: Ms. Friedman provided a report out from the Maryland Joint Committee on Children, Youth and Families; chaired by Senator Washington and Delegate Kelley; Delegate Solomon and Senator King also attended meeting; heard from MSDE about Federal child care funding; providers who attended the meeting shared their challenges about accessing funding and challenges parents/caregivers experience with the child care scholarship portal; MMF Advocacy Committee created a list of priority areas and shared with Del. Kelley.
- Charisse Scott: Ms. Scott raised the issue of finding ways to help parents/caregivers learn more about the WPA program and other programs available to support families. Staff to the ECCC will work to cull materials and share with the ECCC.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.