



Early Childhood Coordinating Council
Wednesday, January 18, 2023
Virtual Meeting
10:00am
Meeting Minutes
Approved

Members Present: Jennifer Arnaiz, Stephanie Brant, Jody Burghardt, Robin Chernoff, Amy Cropp, Cassandra Malik, Mary Manning-Falzarano, Laurie Moran, Charlene Muhammad, Bernadine Occhiuzzo, Kimberly Rusnak, Louise Tolin and Beka Urgessa

Members Absent: Richard Crump, Jade Ann Rennie, Charisse Scott, Rebecca Smith, Dira Treadvance, Lynette Weaver and Vivian Yao

Guest Present: Audra Dove (MCCPTA), Kathia Mejia Chevez (Office of Councilmember Fani-Gonzales), Cesar Perez (Liaison, Commission on Health), Tawanna Stokes (MCCPTA), Amy Beal (MCPS Community Schools) and Dr. Amanda Holiday-Bembridge (MSDE)

DHHS Staff: Michelle Gallipoli and Erin Stillwell

Laurie Moran, acting chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

ECCC Membership Updates

Welcome to Jennifer Arnaiz who is the newly appointed acting administrator for Early Childhood Services at DHHS; Jennifer has served on the ECCC for years and will also be representing the membership role that was vacated by Dr. Barbara Andrews who retired in January 2023.

Farewell to Jody Burghardt who has served as the chair to the ECCC for a number of years in addition to her years served as a member. Jody will be leaving her position at FSI/Sheppard Pratt in February 2023.

Review and Vote of Meeting Minutes from November 16, 2022 ECCC Meeting

ACTION:

Motion to accept the minutes as written: Bernadine Occhiuzzo

2nd Motion: Jennifer Arnaiz

All in Favor

Committee Break Out Sessions

Committee Break Out Sessions: Mid-Year Priorities Review

- *Review your committee's priority statement as a group*

- *What has been achieved to date? What work is “in progress?”*
- *What would need to happen to complete one by June 2023?*
 - *What work needs to be completed?*
 - *Who needs to do what?*
 - *Do you need supports from outside ECCC to meet these goals?*
 - *What is realistic based on members time and commitment*

Committee Report Outs

Sustainability, Systems and Advocacy committee was examining the Blueprint and brainstorming what supports are needed; discussed issues with the certification portion of the Blueprint; possible recommendation is that those seeking a certification be permitted to complete their student teaching at the same place they are employed; discussed what types of incentives could keep child care teachers in child care and not have them move to public school systems

Mental Health & Well Being committee continues to work on a collaborative mapping tool ; committee members are encouraged to add to the tool as well as edit; Beka and Cassandra are the point of contact for the tool; currently discussing best ways to disseminate to the community

Announcements

Port Discover Museum: Laurie Moran shared information on the Port Discovery museum in Baltimore and their “sensory friendly days” for children with disabilities; Laurie will share a flyer with the ECCC about the upcoming events

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:20am

The ECCC will host the next council meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2023