



Early Childhood Coordinating Council
Wednesday, March 15, 2023
Virtual Meeting
Meeting Minutes
APPROVED

Members Present: Jennifer Arnaiz, Stephanie Brant, Amy Cropp, Mary Manning-Falzarano, Bernadine Occhiuzzo, Kimberly Rusnak, Rebecca Smith, Louise Tolin, Beka Urgessa Lynette Weaver and Vivian Yao

Members Absent: Robin Chernoff, Richard Crump, Cassandra Malik, Laurie Moran, Charlene Muhammad, Jade Ann Rennie Charisse Scott, and Dira Treadvance

Guest Present: Sarah Wilch-Spamer (ECS/DHHS), Rosalba Bonilla (CentroNía), Dr. Amanda Holliday-Bembridge (Parent/MSDE), Cesar Perez (Commission on Health) and Laura Jahromi (Children’s Opportunity Alliance)

DHHS Staff: Michelle Gallipoli and Erin Stillwell

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

Review and Vote of Meeting Minutes from February 15, 2023 ECCC Meeting

ACTION:

Motion to accept the minutes as written: Vivian Yao

2nd Motion: Jennifer Arnaiz

All in Favor

Review and Vote on Amended FY 23 Policy Priorities Statement

ACTION:

Motion to accept the amendments to the FY23 Policy Priorities Statement: Bernadine Occhiuzzo

2nd Motion: Mary Manning-Falzarano

All in Favor

Call for Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair

Staff to the ECCC opened the floor for nominations for the chair and vice chair positions; election to be held on May 17, 2023; ECCC members were encouraged to nominate either themselves or a fellow ECCC member for the chair and vice chair positions

Program and Community Updates

CHADIS Outreach Program Update (Mary Manning-Falzarano): MCITP is working on a plan to utilize the CHADIS (Child Health And Development Interactive System) to help facilitate communication between doctors and the early

interventionists; Early Childhood Services/MCITP received a grant in FY23 to help implement the use of CHADIS with those children receiving early intervention services from ITP; ITP is currently waiting for HHS to provide permission to begin the medical outreach to encourage the use of the CHADIS tool

Children’s Opportunity Alliance (COA) (Laura Jahromi, Consultation, COA): COA hosted a meeting to focus on systems building for ECE partners; 15 groups were represented at this event; this gathering allowed for discussion on the opportunities and barriers that exist at a systems level; need to continue examining the ECE landscape (i.e., who is doing what) and gather data before able to move to strategic planning phase

Maryland Family Network Update LOCATE and Mapping Tool (Jennifer Arnaiz, ECS): Maryland Family Network (MFN) recently released two (2) tools: 1) updated [LOCATE](#) to assist families in locating licensed child care in Maryland and 2) [Mapping Tool](#) that provides real-time data on the availability of child care programs across the State as well as child care “deserts”; Child Care Support Services (CCSS) will be launching a campaign in May and June to encourage providers in Montgomery County to create and update a “profile” in the LOCATE online system; also will host a campaign to encourage families seeking child care to utilize this updated tool

Mental Health and Well-Being Committee Presentation (Beka Urgessa): Mental Health and Well-Being Committee has been working on a resource tool to help expand awareness of those mental health and well-being resources available for children and their families ages birth to 5 in Montgomery County; tool is called the *Program and Service Mapping Tool* and focuses on six (6) goals; current questions revolve around “how” to get this tool into the hands of families in MC and “how” to keep it update; ECCC members are encouraged to examine the tool and add/edit resources

Committee Break Out Sessions: Mental Health and Well Being Committee and Sustainability, Systems and Advocacy Committee (meeting will adjourn at 11:45 am directly from committees)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am

The ECCC will host the next council meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2023