



**Early Childhood Coordinating Council**  
**Wednesday, April 20, 2022**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Approved**

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

**Members Absent:** Robin Chernoff, Cindy Chichester-Olivierre, Laurie Moran, and Rebecca Smith

**Guest Present:** Rosalba Bonilla Acosta, Leah Bradley, Michele Dean and Dira Treadvance

**DHHS Staff:** Michelle Gallipoli and Erin Stillwell

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**Jody Burghardt, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am**

**Roll Call and Introduction of Guests**

**Introduction of Ms. Dira Treadvance, new Chief of Children, Youth and Children, MCDHHS**

**Review and Vote of Meeting Minutes from March 16, 2022 ECCC Meeting**

**ACTION:**

Motion to accept the minutes as written: Mary Manning-Falzarano

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Bernadine Occhiuzzo

All in Favor

**ECCC Annual Planning Retreat Discussion**

A poll was provided to ECCC member to share their preference for an “in person” or “virtual” planning retreat; majority who responded to the poll preferred a virtual option. The June 15<sup>th</sup> annual planning retreat will be hosted virtually with additional details to follow.

**Continued Call for Nomination for ECCC Chair and Vice Chair**

No viable nominations have been received at this time. ECCC members were encouraged to either nominate themselves or a fellow council member to serve as the chair and/or vice chair for the upcoming council year. Election is scheduled to take place at the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Report Out from Meeting with MMF regarding Parent/Guardian Representatives on ECE Coordinating Entity**

**(Dr. Taniesha Woods Myles)** Taniesha meet with Franca Brilliant and Sharon Friedman from MMF to share concerns about the definition of the parent/guardian role on the coordinating entity; concerns that way the current legislation is written the representatives must have a child in licensed care and/or Head Start/Pre-k and would not represent all parents/caregivers.

**County Budget Update**

**(Dr. Barbara Andrews)** County Executive's proposed FY 23 budget has been released; at this time there are no cuts or reductions to the ECS budget; there are carryover funds from the NDA that will be used to fund project in the ECE Initiative.

**Community Forum Update**

**(Jennifer Arnaiz)** Child Care Support Services (CCSS) hosted a forum on the topic of Workforce and Compensation on April 13, 2022; additional forum will be hosted on May 11<sup>th</sup> on the topic of Access and Affordability.

**Breakout Session: Discuss Feedback from Workforce and Compensation Community Forum hosted April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Breakout Session: Committees**

**Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 pm**

**The ECCC will host the next council meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2022**