



Early Childhood Coordinating Council
Wednesday, May 18, 2022
Virtual Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes
APPROVED

Members Present: Barbara Andrews, Jennifer Arnaiz, Jody Burghardt, Robin Chernoff, Amy Cropp, Richard Crump, Cassandra Malik, Mary Manning-Falzarano, Laurie Moran, Charlene Muhammad, Bernadine Occhiuzzo, Jade-Ann Rennie, Kimberly Rusnak, Rebecca Smith, Louise Tolin, Lynnette Weaver, Taniesha Woods Myles, Beka Urgessa and Vivian Yao

Members Absent: Stephanie Brant, Cindy Chichester-Olivierre, Charisse Scott and Dira Treadvance

Guest Present: Lynne Hall, Rosalba Bonilla Acosta, Michele Dean, Don Corbin, Elaine Romero, Carol Gant, Janice Bruce and Vanessa Jones

DHHS Staff: Michelle Gallipoli and Erin Stillwell

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

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

Presentation by Dr. Carol Gant, MAEC: Equity Planning for LECAC

Review and Vote of Meeting Minutes from April 20, 2022 Meeting

ACTION:

Motion to accept the minutes as written: Dr. Taniesha Woods Myles

2nd Motion: Bernadine Occhiuzzo

All in Favor

Continued Call for Nomination for ECCC Chair and Vice Chair

No viable nominations have been received at this time. Jody Burghardt presented the idea of “rotating chairs” where members of the ECCC would volunteer to chair upcoming meetings and serve on the ECCC executive committee. Jody will ask for volunteers to cover the first three meetings (September, October, and November) at the planning retreat.

Update on HHS Director’s Meeting with BCC Chairs

Jody Burghardt attended a BCC chairs meeting with Dr. Raymond Crowel. Dr. Crowel shared that he will be asking to review BCC policy priorities earlier this year to help align them with the HHS budget. The ECCC will begin working on the 2022-23 policy priorities at the planning retreat.

County Budget Update

(Dr. Barbara Andrews & Vivian Yao) The County Council will vote on the County Executive's proposed FY 23 budget on May 19th. County Executive Elrich was pleased with the proposed budget as it does not have many reductions. The Council is working through a large reconciliation lists to see what is to be added to the budget.

Announcements:

- Michele Dean will be stepping down from her role as the program coordinator at the Judy Center to return back to the classroom and teach Head Start at New Hampshire Estates ES.
- Laurie Moran shared that OCC is currently testing an online portal that families will be able to use to apply for child care scholarships. This streamline process will hopefully allow families make the application process faster and more accessible.
- Jody reminded everyone that the City of Gaithersburg Book Festival is scheduled for this weekend.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm

The ECCC will host the next council meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2022