



Early Childhood Coordinating Council
Wednesday, September 21, 2022
Virtual Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes
Approved

Members Present: Jennifer Arnaiz, Stephanie Brant, Jody Burghardt, Robin Chernoff, Amy Cropp, Richard Crump, Cassandra Malik, Mary Manning-Falzarano, Laurie Moran, Charlene Muhammad, Bernadine Occhiuzzo, Jade-Ann Rennie, Rebecca Smith, Beka Urgessa and Vivian Yao

Members Absent: : Barbara Andrews, Cindy Chichester-Olivierre, Kimberly Rusnak, Charisse Scott, Louise Tolin, Dira Treadvance and Lynnette Weaver

Guest Present: Laura Jahromi and Sarah Wilch-Spamer (DHHS)

DHHS Staff: Michelle Gallipoli and Erin Stillwell

Laurie Moran, acting chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

- Introduction of Laura Jahromi who will be temporarily representing the Children’s Opportunity Alliance in Kimberly Rusnak absence.

Review and Vote of Meeting Minutes from June 15, 2022 Annual Planning Retreat

ACTION:

Motion to accept the minutes as written: Rebecca Smith

2nd Motion: Bernadine Occhiuzzo

All in Favor

Review and Vote of FY23 ECCC Top Policy Priorities

ECCC reviewed and voted on the policy priorities identified for the 2022-23 year.

ACTION:

Motion to accept the FY23 Top Policy Priorities as drafted at the annual planning retreat: Charlene Muhammad

2nd Motion: Jennifer Arnaiz

All in Favor

Review and Discussion of 2021-22 ECCC Annual Report

ECCC member were provide a draft version of the 2021-22 Annual Report in advanced of this meeting and were asked to provide edits. Suggested edits were noted and will be reflected in the final draft. The ECCC will receive a copy of the final

draft and have a vote at the October 19th meeting.

Update: The Basics (Jade-Ann Rennie)

The Collaboration Council is making strides with implementing the Basics project in the 20877-zip code. They are working with Nexus Connect and the Cross Community Church to assist with saturation of the Basics messaging.

Update: New 4 Year ECEI Action Plan (Jennifer Arnaiz)

Jennifer Arnaiz provided a brief overview of the newly proposed 4-year ECEI Action Plan. ECCC members and other stakeholders will be invited to attend a focus group in October to share their input.

Update: Head Start Community Base Support (Charlene Muhammad)

Charlene Muhammad provided an updated on the pilot program that is targeted to help those 3-year-olds aging out of Early Head Start locate a seat in a participating community child care program. Last spring 6 community providers applied to participate in the pilot. Program is currently working with two community-based programs (CentroNia and FSI).

Announcements:

- Jody Burghardt announced that FSI has expand their **Keys to Success Program** (program offering supplies, classes, and childcare for pregnant and parenting high school students) to Wheaton and Kennedy High Schools. The Keys to Success Program is currently working with students at Gaithersburg and Watkins Mill High Schools.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am

The ECCC will host the next council meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2022