

Child Care Advisory Council Meeting

10/24/2019

**Call to Order..... Sarah Vanover**

The meeting of the Child Care Advisory Council duly called by Division of Child Care Director, Sarah Vanover and held on October 24, 2019 at Bluegrass Community Action Agency, 111 Professional Court Frankfort, KY 40601 commencing at 1:05 PM.

**In Attendance**

Andrea Bartholomew, Chuck Bradley, Amy Hood, Kim Smart, Zachary Smith, Juanita Webb, Sandra Woodall,

**Introductions.....Sarah Vanover**

The Child Care Advisory Council had two people who resigned their council positions: Kim Gipson and Erica Tipton. The Governor’s Office has appointed Kim Smart from Lexington Hearing and Speech Center, and Rebecca Thomas from Baptist Health Louisville to fill those vacancies

**Review of Minutes.....Sarah Vanover**

Upon arrival, committee members were presented with the agenda, a copy of July meeting minutes, proposed regulation changes to 922 KAR 2:100 and 922 KAR 2:090, a OIG-DRCC-02, and the 2018 Annual Report. Meeting minutes from July were approved, motion to approve made by Zachary Smith with a second by Amy Hood.

**Division of Child Care Updates.....Sarah Vanover**

On November 5-7<sup>th</sup>, the Division of Child Care will have a monitoring visit from the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). ACF will be reviewing documents and interviewing staff to ensure DCC is implementing what is in the State Plan. They will also make sure DCC has met the requirements listed in the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Final Rule. Subjects ACF will be focusing on are: disaster preparedness and recovery operations, consumer education, child abuse and reporting, ensuring continuous 12-month eligibility, health and safety requirements, how we are spending our funding, and the process for licensure and what programs are exempt.

ACF will also be meeting with our stakeholders and partners who utilize CCDF funding. On Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, they will spend time with surveyors and eligibility specialists in Lexington and Frankfort. On the last day, they ask follow-up questions. Results from the visit will not be immediately available. Florida received their results 6 weeks after their visit. DCC will use the feedback from ACF to determine goals for the future.

Sarah Vanover stated it will be interesting to see what goals and what feedback ACF will provide. We have increased the Federal Poverty Level at redetermination and increased provider rates to the 40 percentile. Sarah Vanover reminded council members other states reimburse more, but have waiting lists. Kentucky is able to serve anyone who is eligible.

Committee member and the audience then discussed the staffing crisis that exists in child care centers. Sarah Vanover informed council members when she participated in an ACF round-table discussion in Alabama; this issue was prevalent in all states. Sarah Vanover stated this leads the committee to the next agenda item concerning temporary agencies staffing centers with substitutes.

### **Review of Proposed Changes to 922 KAR 2:090 & 922 KAR 2:100.....Open Discussion**

The Division of Child Care is filing two administrative regulation amendments, 922 KAR 2:090 and 922 KAR 2:100. Requirements for substitutes in child care centers will be addressed in both regulations. The substitutes will need to provide and are responsible for their own records (background check results, TB skin test and ECE TRIS records). The substitutes must carry the information with them from center to center in a folder.

Another change to the regulations is everyone will use the same date for training hours versus training hour requirement varying from person to person. Ohio follows this process and Sarah Vanover stated our partners all thought this was a good idea. A part of the new requirement is Orientation will only count once. Sarah Vanover stated this would help child care center staff improve their professional development and will prevent staff from jumping center to center with no training. In addition, when DRCC cites a center, the responsibility falls on the center, instead of the individual staff person or substitute. When DRCC conducts a visit, the center will need to provide a contract they hold with the substitute agency.

Sandra Woodall asked when the regulation would go into effect. The regulation changes are going to be filed November 15 and will take around 8 months to fully go into effect. Sandra Woodall and Amy Hood then discussed how the changes would help center directors and staff develop professional development plans. Juanita Webb stated because each individual will have an account in ECE TRIS it would help centers and staff. The council overall agreed the regulation change is beneficial and will make centers not wait until the last minute to get all their staff trained. Sarah Vanover stated DCC will do advertising concerning the regulation changes and DRCC is changing one form along with the regulation.

Andrea Day introduced Calvonia Radford as the new Quality Enhancement Branch Manager. On November 1, the Professional Development and Fitness Determination supervisor will start with DCC.

**Review of Video Vignettes by Division of Child Care .....Open Discussion**

Sarah Vanover in coordination with the Commissioner’s Office has been shooting 90-second informational videos and posting them on various social media platforms. Amy Hood stated she got a call from someone who said they thought the videos were very helpful. Florida and South Carolina are utilizing similar videos. Sandra Woodall stated she has been sharing them on her agency’s Facebook page.

Sarah Vanover asked all council members what topics would be helpful to shoot in the future. Sandra Woodall stated to find what regulation/s typically get cited the most, and shoot a video surrounding how to correct the violation or avoid getting cited. Sarah Vanover stated council members could email her with any other suggestions.

**Annual CCAC Report .....Open Discussion**

The annual CCAC report is due mid-December. Sarah Vanover asked for volunteers to write the draft report. Amy Hood and Sandra Woodall stated they could collaborate and work on getting topics together and email members to put the reports together. Sarah Vanover reminded council members that all previous meeting minutes were posted on the DCC website.

**Community Updates.....Open Discussion**

Council members and the audience openly discussed the teacher shortages in Kentucky. Andrea Bartholomew stated the issue also exists in public preschool. Amy Hood asked Andrea Bartholomew if there would be a work group to discuss the issue. Andrea Bartholomew and Juanita Webb discussed all the future opportunities to discuss the issues surrounding the teacher crisis. The council then discussed how the high cost of college tuition affects the number of people entering into the education field. In addition, the math section of the Praxis and the difficulty of the test keeps many students from entering education programs.

Juanita Webb provided an update from GOEC. They are writing the application for the second installment of the PDG. The first draft is due November 5, with an internal deadline of October 29. Juanita Webb stated a large section of this grant would focus on adult apprenticeships.

Sandra Woodall then shared an article with the group. The article discussed the importance of how using the term ‘day care’ can diminish the early childhood educators and the children who are in their classrooms. The article is titled *Day Care Disrespect: Why What We Call Child Care Matters* by Katherine Rose.

**New Business.....Open Discussion**

Mike Hammons shared that Children Inc. will be merging with another entity to become Learning Grove. Amy Hood stated the Expanding High-Quality Family Child Care in Kentucky continues to complete impactful work.

Sarah Vanover stated we might see bills in support of universal Pre-K during the 2020 legislative session. Sarah Vanover and Andrea Bartholomew shared recognizing the hardships this would create. Child care centers bring in most of their revenue in preschool classrooms, and without these classes, child care centers could not operate. In addition, public preschools do not have the room or staff to support universal Pre-K.

Sarah Vanover advised the schedule for the council’s 2020 meetings would be released soon.

**Adjourn**

Sarah Vanover made a call to adjourn the Child Care Advisory Council meeting, Amy Hood made the motion, seconded by Sandra Woodall.