

**DCFS Child Day Care Licensing Advisory Council**

MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2022

11:00am - 1:00pm

**Welcome and Introductions, Michael Kim Co-Chair**

| Members Present        | Members Absent             | Staff                  | Guests  |
|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Michael Kim (co-chair) | Edie Washington (co-chair) | Lori Littleton – DCFS  | Christi Chadwick – IBHE                           |
| Caroline Bires         | Oni Austin                 | Beth Seggebruch – DCFS | Stephanie Atella – American Academy of Pediatrics |
| Martina Rocha          | Tom Layman                 |                        |   |
| Pat Twymon             | Emily Ropars               |                        |   |
| Denise Monnier         | Laura Pleasants            |                        |   |
| Emnet Ward             | Faith Arnold               |                        |   |
| Missy Brown            | Dana David                 |                        |   |
| Sarah Stoliker         |                            |                        |   |
| Beth Knight            |                            |                        |   |
| Anita Ramage           |                            |                        |   |
| Donna Emmons           |                            |                        |   |
| Malia Owens            |                            |                        |   |
| Kristi Boyson          |                            |                        |   |
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**Approval of May 12, 2022, Minutes Council**

Missy Brown makes a motion to approve the minutes. Anita Ramage seconds the motion. No opposition to 5.12.22 meeting minutes.

**DCFS Department Updates, Lori Littleton**

Lori Littleton provided department updates for the Council:

- Lori Littleton new to her position
- Information transmittal for criminal background check. Released on 8.5.
- Meeting members requested guidelines on the transmittal to help them understand.
- Request for website link where the transmittal is located.
- Question from Maria Rocha: Lead in water test required for license renewal?
- DCLRs giving different information to providers.
- Beth Saggebruch: lead testing is not due at every renewal
- Kristi Boyson question for DCFS: Can you be considered Teacher qualified in a center with a Family Childcare CDA?

- Missy Brown: We run a CDA cohort, portfolio is the biggest difference, as long as it's a CDA it doesn't really matter. Content is the same.
- Kristi Boyson: It depends on what DCLR you talk to it's a different answer. We know there is no difference but the council says there is a \$500 difference. Will put question in the chat.
- Danes Busch question: does it only apply to PFA or CCDBG or all licensed and non-licensed programs.
- Lori Littleton: will get more information. It is for all licensed facilities.
- Danen Busch: Not great news for hiring crisis.
- Sarah Soliker: Need clarification on this because the transmittal document had different information. Also, on the word "submitted"= full clearance?
- Lori Littleton: Asked Michael to send that question as well.
- Rosita Nardi: All new hires? All rehires. What about teachers at multiple centers?
- Beth Saggebruch: Has to be attached to a center so has to get new one for each center
- Donna Emmons: is it on sunshine website?
- Kristi Boyson: New employees are not willing to wait so long for background checks. Headache for providers.
- Danen Busch: background, physical (healthcare), too hard to get new staff in comparison to Starbucks. Staffing shortage. Paperwork too much.
- Sarah Stoliker: Trying to align with federal guidelines but we need better clarification on language. Then unified with DCLRs.

#### **0-5 Vaccination Presentation, Stephanie Atella, American Academy of Pediatrics**

- This presentation and the work of the AAP right now is to help pediatric doctors and obgyns to bring COVID vaccine into regular vaccine routine check ups.
- 6 mo+ approved
- This presentation is to address concerns and make sure providers are sharing evidence-based information.
- Facts about the COVID-19 vaccine
- Providers are a trusted messenger
- DCFS monkeypox protocol? Lori Littleton- working on a protocol and will distribute when available.
- Doctors available for calls and presentations
- Resources shared:
  - <https://www.chop.edu/video/how-mrna-vaccines-work>
  - <https://www.healthychildren.org/english/health-issues/vaccine-preventable-diseases/pages/what-is-monkeypox.aspx>
  - [satella@illinoisAAP.com](mailto:satella@illinoisAAP.com)

4-minute break- back at 12:05pm

#### **Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Presentation, Christi Chadwick**

- Higher Ed certification, advancement and scholarship

- Initiative by Board of Higher Education in partnership with other state agencies.
- Accessing college or university can be difficult at times even with developments around the state.
- Lots of challenges for students and workforce.
- Smooth navigation and remove barriers
- Sign into law by Gov last year to advance equity
- Additional \$200m to support this work
- 1- how do we transform the education space to make it easier for adult learners 2- how do we invest in our workforce for immediate opportunities to upscale
- Individual institutions and agencies have to come together to function better for change. And advisory body cochaired by 5 different state agencies and providers.
- Launched scholarship mid2021. Covers tuition and full cost of attendance.
- Went over scholarship eligibility.
- For application have to have Gateways verification and FAFSA. Covers tuition and cost of living after federal funding.
- Support in applying?
  - State hiring 36 CCR&R navigators- have 32 now across the state.
  - Institutions hiring mentors for new students- wrap around services and supports
- How to design or redesign programs to fit adult learners better?
- How to assign college credit for CDA?
  - Many people have experience when entering a program already and should receive credit for that.
  - 6 credit hours for the CDA with no contingencies
  - Biggest need in toddler
- Need opportunities to go for AAS to bachelor more seamlessly. Bigger more transformative pieces.
- To get the scholarship you need junior level status- which is individually based for students and institutions.

#### **DCFS Rules Changes, Lori Littleton and Beth Sagebruch**

- No report outs

#### **Process and Procedure Document Draft**

- Redraft Process and Procedure for this council.
- Michael Kim will share the document as a google doc for the council to make edits and comments. Then he will edit and share it out.

#### **Public Comments**

- Confusion on how to create a behavioral plan from DCFS?
  - Lori Littleton: follow up with your DCLR
  - Beth Sagebruch: no training for providers (trauma training), CCR&Rs should have mental health supports, reach out to DCLR and supervisor.
- Providers would also like to see the DCFS forums return, very helpful.

- Held across the state for providers
  - Beth Saggebruch wants to restart them
  - Many people support this
- Danen Busch: staffing crisis: director qualified person on site at all time- but not able to do that. IL adding intermediate level between teacher and director.
  - Lori Littleton: Have to talk to Edie Washington
  - Sarah Stoliker: ILDOC trying to put into leg for years
- Pat Twymon: Through METC, I am responsible for setting the calendar of training. We are an Authorized Entity and have had training developed to address the Trauma mandate. DCFS has rejected these trainings telling child care providers they will not accept them. I have sent descriptions, learning objectives, etc. Can you please ask Edie to provide me with an update?
- Beata Skorusa: Curious, do district schools require principles or teacher qualified people to work before or after school programs?
  - Beth Saggebruch: Have to ask DHS that
  - Kristi Boyson: They are not lic but child care is
  - Why discrepancy in rules?
  - Jill Eldeblute: Regulated after school programs but DCFS says child development is a safety standard so older kids don't need as much credentials.
- Danen Busch: Has DCFS ever considered contracting and outsourcing the health examination and/or tb testing requirement similar to the background check process being paid for and contracted out?
  - Lori Littleton: Will ask Edie Washington

## **Adjourn**

## **Next Meeting**

November 10, 2022

11:00am - 1:00pm