

ExceleRate Subcommittee of the ELC Quality Committee
Thursday, March 19, 2020, 10:30 – 12:30
Conference call only
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AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Introductions** (5 minutes)

2. **Minutes of previous meeting** (5 minutes)

- Refer to *Minutes* document

3. **Pilot standards summary and CQI process** (30 minutes)

A summary of the foundational standards to be tested in the PDG B5 pilot will be presented as background for discussing agenda item 4.

Refer to

- *Pilot Standards Summary & CQI Process*

4. **Evaluation of the PDG B5 child care pilot** (60 minutes)

Over the past two years, the Subcommittee has developed a framework for program improvement on a large scale. The two drivers we identified are:

- Fund child care staffing adequately, including staffing patterns, qualifications and compensation – and fund it up-front through contracts, not as a reward once quality has been achieved.
- Require CQI at all ExceleRate levels above Licensed and build publicly funded technical assistance and support services.

The subcommittee decided that program/site cultures of improvement are the foundation for CQI, and determined that program leaders are key to building that foundation. We described what a program leader needs to do at the site level and organized those activities into 8 component categories aligned with the Whole Leadership Framework. The standards and process summary, described in the previous agenda item, gives an overview of how Illinois might help programs to get started implementing CQI.

PDG B5 funding is available to evaluate this pilot. Before our conference call on Thursday, please think about what we want to learn from the evaluation. Our co-chairs will ask for your ideas in two parts:

1. What type of evaluation, or categories of evaluation questions should we ask? Implementation questions; provider satisfaction or parent satisfaction questions; outcome questions; or other categories? (Approx. 15 minutes)
2. What specific questions come to mind as you view the standards and process as a whole? (Approx. 45 minutes)

5. **Next steps and next meeting**