

ExceleRate Subcommittee, Minutes of July 2020 meeting

Thursday, July 16, 2020, 10:30 – 12:30
Hosted by the McCormick Center on Zoom

Present

Ann Kremer, Ashley Nazarak, Azucena Gonzalez, Beata Skorusa, Beth Knight, Brynn Siebert, Candice Perkansky, Carie Bires, Cerathel Burgess-Burnett, Cindy Wall, Deborah Chalmers, Debra Clark, DeCarla Burton, Denise Monnier, Donna Emmons, Emily Ropars, Ilinca Wallace, Jamilah R. Jor'dan, Jennifer Alexander, Jill Andrews, Juliet Bromer (presenter), Kara Helton, Lauren Lansdale, Lilliam Perez, Linda Saterfield, Maribel Centeno, Marie Masterson, Marsha Hawley, Mary Ottinot, Pat Twymon, Robyn Kelton, Ruth Kimble, Sandra Cole, Shay Bluemer-Miroite (presenter), Sojna Crum-Knight, Teri Talan, Tom Layman, Toni Porter, Yaneli Martinez

1. **Welcome and introductions**

The Subcommittee welcomed the members of the new Family Child Care Workgroup and Shay Bluemer-Miroite, a consultant from Shift who worked with Erikson on their Family Child Care Quality Improvement Learning Collaborative.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting**

Lilliam Perez moved to approve the minutes of the May 21 meeting. Pat Twymon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. **Presentation and discussion of Family Child Care Networks**

Juliet Bromer from Erikson Institute and Shay Bluemer-Miroite presented a PowerPoint about the Family Child Care Quality Improvement Learning Collaborative Pilot. The Pilot brought together 8 family child care networks that support home-based child care providers across 7 states. Family child care networks are agencies or organizations that offer a menu of ongoing services to home-based child care providers through qualified staff. Each of the 8 family child care network teams consisted of two staff and a home-based child care provider.

The overall goal was to improve quality, and the specific aim was for providers to use intentional planning to support toddlers in mixed-age groups. Strategies included visits and phone calls from the network staff to help providers observe and plan for toddlers, and using video to observe the toddlers. Peer-to-peer support included providers visiting each other's homes, provider text and Facebook groups, and hosting communities of practice.

Successful strategies included the shift for network staff from paperwork to helping providers observe and plan for children. Peer to peer strategies were especially effective, including the Facebook groups and communities of practice, especially when they were led by providers. Lilliam Perez pointed out that a community of practice needs to be combined with coaching.

4. **Question about possible approach to Family Child Care standards**

Tom asked if we should we think about the framework for ExceleRate standards that we used for the Pilot center standards. This includes:

- Adequate funding to support a stable and sufficient staff
- Plus 4 domains of professional practice:
 - a. Culture of Improvement
 - b. Administration

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- c. Teaching & Learning
- d. Family & Community Engagement

There was not time for this discussion.

5. Next steps and next meeting

The next Subcommittee meeting will take place in 2 months: September 17, 2020, 10:30 – 12:30. Call-in information will be sent later. The Family Child Care Workgroup will meet in August.