

Childhood Care and Education Coordinating Council
June 4, 2009
Meeting Summary

Attendees: Terry Butler, Kim Cardona, Barbara Christiansen, Samuel Davila, Pam Deardorf, Pam Everitt, Joe Grosso, Merrily Haas, Marguerite Kenagy, Kitty Lake, Nancy Lowry, Heidi McGowan, Dawn Norris, Henry Oliva, Tom Olsen, Julie Petrokubi, Dianna Pickett, Rhonda Prodzinski, Ron Sohnrey, Sonja Svenson, Peggy Veltman.

Legislative Updates

• **Employment Department, Child Care Division – Tom Olsen**

The division introduced three bills; all three started out simple and two got very complicated.

HB 2207 – changes name of criminal history registry to central background registry, a housekeeping measure. *Final Session update: Passed*

HB 2205 – allows the division to levy civil penalties on certified family child care facilities. The division has always had the ability to levy penalties and fines for RFCC, but not CFCC. *Final Session update: Passed*

HB 2206 - Prohibits providers from providing exempt care if their license has been suspended or revoked. *Final Session update: Passed*

• **Commission for Child Care – Heidi McGowan**

Commissioner, Rep. Tina Kotek carried the following bills on behalf of the Commission.

HB 2987 – related to exempt school age programs – legislation is the result of forums conducted around the state. Requires three things: 1) employees or volunteers to get a criminal records check, 2) program notify parents they are not licensed by CCD, and 3) enroll by mail with the division to let them know they are present. *Final Session update: Passed*

HB 2988 – child care ‘clean box’ for criminal records checks; allows a provider to get a criminal records check through CCD which can be used for multiple agencies; eliminates need for a criminal records check for each state agency. *Final Session update: Passed*

HCR 8 – honors former Commissioner Lynn Angland – *Final Session update: Passed*

HB 3487 introduced by Rep. Debbie Boone would make preschools subject tracking much like HB 2987. *Final Session update: Passed*

• **Department of Human Services, Employment Related Day Care – Rhonda Prodzinski**

Mandatory orientations for exempt family child care providers will start on July 1, 2010. DHS listed providers be required to attend the orientation that is currently available for the Family, Friends, and Neighbors orientation project.

DHS/ERDC reductions: Oregon Senate Bill 5552 passed by the 2009 Legislature requires several program changes to ERDC. The following changes were in effect on April 1, 2009.

- Reduced copay: clients will no longer be eligible for the reduced copay of \$25 in the initial month of ERDC.
- Self-employment: families who are self-employed will no longer be eligible for ERDC. Child care hours will not be authorized during the time a parent or caretaker is working at a

self-employment job. Families with both self-employment and regular employment may be eligible for child care only during the regular work hours.

- **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (stimulus funds)** – Oregon received \$22,510,354 in CCDF ARRA funds. \$19,571,739 is targeted for subsidies. The remaining \$2,938,615 is divided between infant/toddler quality initiatives and overall child care system quality improvements. Oregon’s award was received in one lump sum on April 25, 2009. Most of the quality improvement funds will be used as part of the EQUIP initiative.

Presentations

- **Jackson County Commission on Children and Families** - overview of projects funded with CCDF this biennium. Information in attachment.
- **Clackamas County Commission on Children and Families** – overview of projects funded with CCDF this biennium. Information in attachment.
- **Registered Family Child Care Survey – Dawn Norris.** Report confirmed information we know about family child care and provided some surprising information on provider knowledge of the Oregon Registry and the professional development system. Full report can be seen at this website:

http://www.employment.oregon.gov/EMPLOY/CCD/docs/forms/2008_Registered_Family_Child_Care_Customer_Survey_Report.pdf

- **Oregon Child Care and Development Fund state plan** – the CCDF state plan is on schedule for submission. The Public Hearing is June 23, 6-7 p.m., at Roth’s (West Salem), Doaks Ferry meeting room. An public announcement went to 65 newspapers in Oregon on May 27 and was posted on the Child Care Division website. CCD will continue to take comments on the plan until final submission on June 29, 2009, to the federal Administration for Children and Families Region 10 office.
- **EQUIP Initiative and Project Updates – Dawn Norris** - The Education and Quality Investments Partnership (EQUIP) initiative was created through a public/private partnership linking professional development to quality improvements. The partnership advisory group, called Strategic Investments, includes the Oregon Community Foundation, Children’s Institute, Child Care Research Partnership, Child Care Division, Department of Human Services, Head Start Collaboration/Department of Education, Commission for Child Care, and the Oregon Child Care Resource and Referral Network.

The Commission for Child Care has listed EQUIP as a priority and will provide oversight of the overall initiative. First overarching piece is The Oregon Registry, Training and Education Database, from which there is two pronged approach for professional development and quality improvement: equipping individuals and equipping facilities. This isn’t a pilot – it is an infrastructure investment into the childhood care and education system.

An overview of the EQUIP initiative can be found at:

http://www.employment.oregon.gov/EMPLOY/CCECC/popularity_boxes/EQUIP_Summary.doc

The facilities side of EQUIP initiative is still in development; Western Oregon University, Center on Inclusion, is the contractor for this component. The infrastructure is already in place for the individual education awards through Portland State University.

- **Child Care Division, Licensing Specialist Credential – Kitty Lake** – the division has been working on this credential for approximately four years. The Center for Career Development/PSU has been instrumental in its development. The credential is a professional development opportunity for licensing specialists within the division and creates a career pathway for staff. More information on the credential will be an attachment to this meeting summary.
- USDA Food Program, Evaluation report – Joe Grosso - copy of report is attachment to this meeting summary. Report can also be accessed at: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/results/?id=209>

Updates from Committees

- Training and Quality Committee – engaged fully in the EQUIP initiative; conducted a mapping exercise for the child care workforce professional development system – was facilitated by Billie Young, NCCIC technical assistant. Will report results in the August meeting.
- Supply – no report.
- Health Consultation – in discussions on the next phase of this program.
- Inclusive Child Care – follow up on the priorities identified by CCECC at the February 2009 meeting.
- Child Care Research Partnership – no report.

Updates from Partners

- Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children (OAEYC) – Save the date cards for the Fall conference have been mailed out. Copy of card is attached to meeting summary.
- Oregon Commission for Children and Families (OCCF) – a budget note has been introduced by the joint Ways and Means committee to move CCDF funds from the OCCF to backfill cuts to ERDC in DHS. The intent of the note is to move the funds back to OCCF in 2011-13. The budget note also requested the state commission office to undertake a review of the commission system.
- Oregon Center for Career Development in Childhood Care and Education/Portland State University (OCCD) – a new school-age curriculum, *Discovering Potentials* – TOT is June 18 and 19. Two new credentials – Infant/Toddler and Director - being field tested currently. Directors Credential framework went to NAEYC and is now a state-approved credential for documentation toward NAEYC accreditation.
- Oregon After School for Kids (OregonASK) – collaborating with the Oregon Alliance for Art Education on a Summer Institute on June 21-23, Arts without Boundaries. For the first time, the Institute will include afterschool professionals with public school teachers and teaching artists. The Institute will award Portland State University credit, plus workshops will be Oregon Registry approved with certificates. Currently in discussion with the Oregon School Boards Association on Links to Learning, which is a webinar training for school board members about after school programs. Continuing to get feedback from after school professionals on the core competencies for the school age workforce. Working with the National Afterschool Alliance on recognition of these competencies as part of the national accreditation program for Oregon professionals. Also working with multiple partners on shared after school program definitions.

NEXT MEETING: August 6, 2009, 1 to 4:30 p.m., Roth's – West Salem