

Licensed Child Care Center Advisory Board Meeting
January 8, 2009
Minutes – Submitted by Mary Lee Freeze

Present: Noel Hanson, Amelia Galloway, Pam Buschkell, Carol Johnson, Heidi Dowell, Lisa Clifford, Melanie Brizzi, Lisa Kipker, Tiffany Hansell and Mary Jane Scamahorn.
Present by phone: Terri Kosik, Maxine VanGuilder, Marie Pace, Deb Hughes and Mike Garatoni.

General Business:

- Introductions were made around the table
- Motion was made by Terri Kosik and seconded by Mike Garatoni to approve the minutes from October 8, 2008. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Motion was made by Carol Johnson with seconded by Amelia Galloway to approve the by-laws. Motion carried.

FSSA:

- Melanie Brizzi shared that Michelle Thomas has resigned and she will be taking over the position effective Monday, January 12th.
- Information was shared about Committee Regulations and Review.
- Melanie recommended that one action of this group would be approval of any position papers.
- Melanie also shared that she has asked IAIEYC to schedule a conference section to discuss the voucher issues.

Report to the Committee on Child Care:

- Discussion occurred around the position statement written by Mike Garatoni and how this group should go about creating a position statement to be presented to the Committee on Child Care.
- One question asked was whether the Committee on Child Care had a member from the Department of Education? Melanie answered yes.
- Melanie suggested a group work to put together a position statement from the Advisory Committee to be reviewed and approved by summer.
- Noel asked whether the group thought that other centers knew about this committee and the answer was no. To this, Melanie responded that post cards were sent to every Home Provider and they haven't seen attendance increase by that action.
- It was decided that an extra meeting would be scheduled for February 5th in Indy to begin discussion for the position statement.

Continuity of Care:

- Discussion occurred around whether there is confusion about the implementation of continuity of care.

- Amelia shared that in the southern part of the state there are only two centers covered by resource and referral that are practicing continuity of care.
- Lisa will check with Dianna Wallace and share with Heidi.
- Discussion about supervision was tabled until next meeting.

Concerns and Questions:

- Discussion of criminal history checks was tabled until next meeting.
- Discussion and concerns were raised about the CCDF Voucher system.
- Lisa shared that there will be a presentation at IAEYC and it was decided that questions and concerns should be forwarded to Noel so that they could be shared with the presenters.

Email updates:

- Information was shared about possible reasons for email bounce backs.

Terri made a motion to adjourn.