

Indiana Licensed Child Care Center Director's Advisory Board  
June 16, 2011  
Minutes

Attending: Melanie Brizzi, Lisa Clifford, Carol Johnson, Heidi Dowell, tim Dunnuck, Mike Garatoni, Noel Hanson, Terri Kosik, Rhonda Gross (proxy for Jessica Lewis), Debby Rowan (representing herself and a proxy for tom Rayl), Judy Smith, Gail Stout, Tomi Lessaris, Stacy Richards, Hillary Gibson, Marcy Bemer, Cathy Wayman, Waylan Couch, Renee Kinder, Jullian Ritter, Deb Hughes

Introductions were made. There were no announcements.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Terri Kosik to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mike Garatoni. Motion passed.

Jill Quinn is the new licensing consultant for the northwest area. The Bureau is still working on a replacement for Laurie Weiss.

Lisa Clifford reviewed the information that was effective May 1, 2011 in the interpretive guidelines. Centers can now serve 1% milk to children older than 2 years of age. She reviewed all of the additional director and caregiver certificates/credentials approved by the Bureau. She brought handouts on the programs and will to Carol to send to all members. TEACH does pay for the Administrators Certificate, the CDA, and the Indiana Youth Credential since those are all obtained through Indiana institutions. The CCP from the National Child Care Association and the PAC from the Association of Christian Schools International are not paid by TEACH since those are out of state programs.

The Bureau is conveying a group to discuss professional development. It will be in July. There will be 4 national experts as well as local participants. They will discuss the Core Competencies (what a child care provider needs to know to be productive) and articulation.

The proposed state plan to the federal government is on line at Care Finder for review. There will be public hearings and comments are being accepted via mail/e-mail. The federal program appears to be focusing on quality rating systems and professional development with quality development. Please look at the plan and submit any comments to Melanie.

About every six years the State puts out a RFF for Voucher Intake Services. It is a requirement that it be put out for competitive bids. Beginning October 1, 2011 4 of the 10 regions will see a change in Intake Agents.

The CCDF voucher waiting list seems to have leveled out at about 12,000. There is not much movement on the list.

There is a new CCDF manual and it is on line. There are no major changes it has been made more user friendly.

There have been 500 providers move from level 1 to level 2 on the quality rating system in part due to support from stimulus funds. There has also been an increase in VCP providers which has increased from 4 to 55.

It was suggested that the Advisory Board look at NAEYC's new statement on Technology. This will be scheduled for the next meeting.

Melanie asked for suggestions for making the meetings productive for attendees and ask that suggestions be sent to her or Carol.

Carol will forward everyone's contact information to Lucinda Nord to add to her data base.

Meeting adjourned.