

## Reminder: Indiana Licensed Child Care Center Director's Advisory Board

Next meeting is Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. via zoom

I haven't been in the office much since our last meeting. My husband came home from the hospital with the assistance of Hospice and passed away the day before Thanksgiving. I took a family leave to be home with him. Two short weeks later my nephew passed away.

I'm back in the office trying to play catch up. This is what I have for the agenda thus far:

- **Nicky** Harrelson from United Way of Central Indiana Advocacy Department will join us (provided she isn't testifying that day before a committee of the legislature). She will discuss legislative issues including the progress on Governor Holcomb's Next Level Agenda especially the focus on strengthening early learning opportunities, concentrating on better preparing students for kindergarten. He wants to direct the Department of Education to establish an Office of Kindergarten Readiness to partner with the early childhood team at FSSA and a revised Early Learning Advisory Committee (ELAC) to support kindergarten readiness. This is not a budget year for the legislature.
- Haley Reece, or another staff person from INAEYC's Workforce Project. Don't we all need additional employees?
- Mike Bachman from SPARK will attend with the latest updates.
- I did not move forward with the Nominating Committee. They would present a report/slate of officers at this meeting to be voted on at the next meeting. New officers would take effect July 1<sup>st</sup>. We need an updated list of people who are actual voting members currently before officers can be nominated. Pam graciously reached out to the voting members while I was on leave to remind them of the mandatory training, but I do not have an updated list as to who completed the training and are still qualified to be voting members.

Please let me know what you would like added to the agenda.

## **Indiana Licensed Child Care Director's Advisory Board October 21, 2021 Minutes**

Those in attendance **(via webex only due to COVID-19)**:

Nancy Chew, Janet Whalen Couch, Mike Garatoni, Carrie Gray, Elizabeth Guynn, Connie Hire, Carol Johnson, Beth Kumfer, Kathy Laymon, Samantha Mann, Steve Ramos, Pam Roadruck, and guests Lisa Mettler, Mike Bachman and Lisa Miller (Business Manager Specialist) from SPARK Learning lab

Carol opened the meeting at 1:00 pm by introducing our guests:

Mike Bachman and Lisa Miller discussed the Stability Grant and that we should be following the CDC guidelines on two-year-olds masking. Mike will send out an email to all. Not-for-Profits need to talk to their tax preparers/CPA, etc. who know the tax reporting laws on liquidating the money. September 2023 is the deadline to spend it down. Mike Garatoni gave a SHOUT OUT to the state of Indiana on the progress that has been made! Regarding the payments, when they have said to allow 3 weeks, they have been on time. It opened on 10/4 then payment should have been received on 10/25.

As of Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> there were 1,390 approved applications! The average size of the award is \$56,800 and varies by program type. Kathy asked about the 25% designated for staff benefits/wages/tuition. Many programs are thinking about giving bonuses. By January requirements for the expenditure of the grant are needed.

Carol asked if there is anything new at SPARK. There is ON DEMAND Universal Precautions and Intro to Paths to Quality.

Lindsay, Assistant Director for TEACH reported that this fall they have rolled out new numbers! TEACH pays 90% AND books. Travel changed from \$50 to \$85, Associate from \$200 to \$400, Bachelor from \$300 to \$500 and centers did NOT have to pay the 5-10% because TEACH DID! In the spring they will be adding Masters degrees. Updated brochures are being made and a new application that can be completed on-line.

Update from OECOSL:

Pam reported there are 2 new consultants; a facility consultant in the west and a home consultant starting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. There is also a home consultant vacancy in the north. As of 9/30/21 there are 754 licensed centers for a total of 79,760 capacity. There are 65 new applications for sites. COVID Closure grants are still available!

Mike raised a question about the meeting by-laws regarding legislature and whether we still present, aside from the OECOSL requirements.

Carol will call for a Nominating Committee and Pam will set up the 2022 meetings.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.  
The next meeting will be January 20, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted by Connie Hire, Secretary