

Indiana Licensed Child Care Director's Advisory Board

July 21, 2022 Minutes

Those in attendance (via **Microsoft Team only**):

Denae Barnett, Nancy Chew, Mike Garatoni, Elizabeth Guynn, Connie Hire, Carol Johnson, Beth Kumfer, Susie Manning

Guests: Patrick Mullins, Manager from SPARK Learning Lab; Fern Bachner, CACFP Nutrition Specialist; Kathy Maguire, Indiana NEYC Workforce Systems; Brianna Green, Director Child Care Resources.

The meeting began at 1:00pm with Carol welcoming everyone.

Our first guest was Fern Bachner from CACFP reporting on the "Keep Kids Fed Act". Not much change for licensed centers. Current state waivers due to COVID-19. The ACT allowed for temporary higher reimbursement rates through June 2023. Starting 7/1/22 there will be a ten-cent addition to meals and snacks (the .10 is ON TOP of the new reimbursement rates.) Reach out to the Department of Education with questions to Fern.

Next Patrick Mullins with SPARK discussed the NEW Building Wellness Program which is open to everyone including families. It is funded through BLG and offers Confidential emotional support, Work-Life solutions, Legal guidance, and has Finance resources available.

There are SPARK Cohorts- a virtual peer learning opportunity. Paths to Quality, VCP, Level 2 & 3, Accreditation. Business Practices- Understanding and Maximizing Allowable Expense, Implementing and Sustaining wages and benefits.

Brianna Green, Director of Child Care Resources shared a program with Muncie, "By 5" changing EC with an increased focus on ECE providers. She also shared that there are Revised Safe Sleep Recommendations: firm, flat, no inclined surface, breast milk recommended, no "weighted" anything in cribs, no co-bedding with twins or other multiples, and tummy time needs increased 15-30 minutes. Under federal law, Biden signs the Safe Sleep for Babies Act, banning inclined sleepers and crib bumpers.

Kathy Maguire from Indiana AEYC reported there are 436 centers and homes accredited in the state of which 244 are NAEYC accredited. She also reported TEACH is funded thru OECOSL and FSSA. Hanan Osmon, Indiana -AEYC TEACH discussed the Revision of Comprehensive Scholarship Components (July 2021) The Working Scholar Model.

Nancy Chew, OECOSL reported for Pam who is on vacation. Had over 150 nominations for our Q3 Provider Recognition! Don't hesitate to contact your consultant. The most updated COVID

info is available with lots of resources to support conversations with families regarding vaccination. Age 6 months and up can get vaccinated.

Christi Dolezal is no longer a consultant. There is lots of training going on statewide and caseloads will eventually be lowered. Maps have not changed yet. New laws are in effect for Montessori and Private schools. There are currently 767 licensed centers, 2 which have opened this month and 25 year-to-date.

Reminder to report injuries requiring medical treatment! There have been 377 complaints on centers. Reminder to make sure Consent forms are sent!

Mike Garatoni asked if CCDF rates are being looked at for consideration by "area" versus "county?" Or even having "tiered" rates. 2019 was the last rate change.

It was asked if the vouchers for the 85% families are good for one year? Brianna reported that this was a one-year duration.

Carol asked if there were any further questions or comments.
With no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:08pm.
The next meeting will be

Respectfully Submitted by Connie Hire, Secretary