



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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Child Care Advisory Committee (CCAC) Meeting

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

9:30 am – 12:00 noon

Flinn Foundation ~ 1802 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004

I Call to Order at 9:30 am

Karen Ortiz, Ph.D
Committee Chair

In Person		
Bill Berk	Artie Flores	Lourdes Ochoa
Pat Berry	Kresta Horn	Karen Ortiz
Melissa Busby	Lorie Jewett	Barbie Prinster
Abigail Castillo	Karen Mahacek	Michelle Saint Hilarie
Dawn Craft	Barbara Milner	Karen Woodhouse
Diane Fellows	Geoff Thomas	Rebecca Hackl
Ginger Sandweg	Brook Herrera	Erin Raden
Cheryl Beahan	Clara Felix	Kelley Murphy
Debra White	Elisa Mongeluzzi	Ginger Ward
Kimberly Flack	Nicole Newhouse	
On Conference Call		
Angie Rogers	Terri Clark	

II Approval of Minutes for:

CCAC Members

October 4, 2016 CCAC Meeting **Accepted**

January 17, 2017 CCAC Meeting **Accepted**

III Cultural Awareness Presentation

Archie Mariano

Tribal Nations Instructor Liaison

- *Archie gave a wonderful power point presentation on Building Good Relations and Customer Service with Tribes of Arizona – Cultural Awareness (What is Tribal Sovereignty, Tribes in Arizona Overview, ITCA Overview, Best Practices and Language and Culture Appropriateness)*

IV Child Care Administration Updates

Brook W. Herrera

CCA Program Administrator

- In March, 2000 children were released from the Priority Waiting List (PWL) which led to heavy caseloads for eligibility specialists.
 - come up with a method of releases to better serve the families
 - next few months there will be releases in smaller quantities
- TA Peer to Peer with other states
- Cost of Quality and Survey – First Things First will be finalized in July of 2018
- Disaster Preparedness – Working with other states (Due at the end of September)
 - **Erin Raden** asked, “How can her group help?” Test Pilot with her providers
 - Comments were made – post on CCR&R Website

CCA Program Updates

CCA Program Managers

- Peer Learning Community on Family Engagement
- CCA Eligibility Updates
- CCA Policy Updates
- CCA Provider Relations Updates
- Expulsion Prevention
- **Family Engagement – Elisa Mongeluzzi**
 - 6 monthly webinars throughout the nation
 - Invited to be a part of National Center Peer Engagement Head Start Partners Framework – to look at our systems to better provide services to our children
 - Elisa and Artie will be reaching out to anyone dealing with Early Childhood so look for emails.
- **Eligibility Updates – Artie Flores**
 - Release smaller amounts of children on a regular basis
 - **Erin Raden** – is there a way to alert providers a few days prior to a release to prepare for new children?
 - Possible alerting CCR&R as well
 - **UMOM** – was seeing only 6-month authorization at her center instead of the 12-month authorization. Artie, Elisa and Mindy were going to help and get answers for UMOM.
- **CCA Policy Updates – Hiroko was unavailable**
- **CCA Provider Relations Update – Geoff Thomas**
 - Current events- continuing education with staff
 - Group Size for Providers
 - Expulsion
 - Relationship building with site visits
 - Pro Active – Relationships- offer guidance and assist providers
 - Shift from the past – Partnerships with providers and letting them know they can reach out to the Contracts Administrators
 - **Erin Raden** - How do we see School Age Programs with DES contracts? Are we currently tracking 3-5 star providers in the system?
 - Lost Mesa Public Schools Afterschool programs
 - **Michelle Saint-Hilarie** - CCR&R can provide Geoff with reports pertaining to tracking 3-5 Star
 - **Tempe School Districts** – many of them are eliminating their contracts as they are starting their own in-house programs
- **Home Certification – Lorie Jewett**
 - **Under the CCDBG** – Certification is meeting their requirements
 - Emergency Preparedness Plans are in place

- 12 Health & Safety topics updated
 - Most have received Empower Packets
 - Increase in quality of child care
 - Working with Tribes in Homes
- Sunset Audit – making improvements based on their suggestions
- Thursday meeting with other states
- **Erin Raden** – How many providers do we have? Requesting data – Monthly or Quarterly Statistics on Providers. Brook will look into past emails and provide that in upcoming meetings.
- **Expulsion – Cheryl Beahan and Rebecca Hackl**
 - **Power Point Presentation-** on data that we have been collecting July 2016 to present
 - **Top 5 Reasons for Expulsions** (Child behavior, Parent Choice, Siblings, Language and Parent Behavior)
 - **Top Ten Provider Request for Resources** (Verbal Abuse, Tantrums, Aggression and Biting)
 - **Resources** – 42 total reported expulsions to date, 2 requested and received resources, prior to expulsion and 40 did not request resources
 - **Who is Being Expelled?** (White – 15, Black – 5, Hispanic – 1, BLK/HI – 1, WH/HI – 9 and UD – 28)
 - **Monthly Trends in Expulsion** (we are seeing a peak during breaks from schools, Fall Break, Winter Break and Spring Break)
 - **Erin Raden** – Is Expulsion Training going to be mandatory in the future?

V Member Updates

CCAC Members

- **Erin Raden** – Wants updates on PD Contracts, Release of new contracts, what ones were let go and how we see Quality Set Aside Training Contracts
- **Bill Berk** – Strong Star – working to increase sales tax to put towards quality child care in Tucson.

VI Call for Public Comment

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- Discussion about possible presentation on Quality Set Aside Contracts in new meeting
- **Melissa Busby** – Toolkit Series for Resources (1600) will be launching in May on how to run a child care facility, providing handbooks, policies, HR issues, etc.

VII Adjournment at 11:37 AM

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