

**Early Childhood Coordinating Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 9, 2015**  
**9:00-12:00**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Barbara Andrews  
Jennifer Arnaiz  
JoAnn Barnes  
Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta  
Jody Burghardt  
Deann Collins  
Amy Cropp  
Carl Eggleston  
Jacqueline Grant  
April Kaplan  
Carol Leggaretta  
Dede Marshall  
Meredith Myers  
Bernadine Occhiuzzo  
Linda Owen  
Tobi Printz-Platnick  
Valerie Rajotte  
Hilda Richards  
Portia Willis  
Vivian Yao

**Staff Present:**

Sarah Wilch-Spamer

**Guests:**

Vicki DiSanto

**Convene:**

- New members Deann Collins (ECCC Co-Chair) and JoAnn Barnes were introduced

**June Meeting Minutes:**

- Motion from Bernadine Occhiuzzo to accept the minutes from the June 11, 2015 meeting
- Second motion: Jennifer Arnaiz
- Vote: 14 in favor
- Resolved: Motion Carried; Accept the minutes from the 06/11/15 meeting

**Annual Report Draft:**

- Discussion regarding the order of the annual report recommendations and the impact if the recommendations are not acted on
- Barbara Andrews will make proposed wording changes to the report and send changes to the membership
- Motion from Meredith Myers for Barbara Andrews to make proposed changes to the annual report
- Second Motion: Tobi Printz-Platnick
- Vote: 15 in favor
- Resolved: Motion Carried; Accepted proposed wording changes be made to the annual report

**Updates and Discussion:**

- Grant /Projects/Close
  - Closed implementation grant
  - Bus Campaign (Gaithersburg, Wheaton, and Silver Spring) ended in August; banners and door clings at Lake Forest Mall are in place through September
  - Completed trainings in the Gaithersburg Elementary School area; MCCRRC will continue to work with the providers who participated
  - Parent Cafes took place and will continue
  - MSDE will attend the Early Childhood Coordinating Council meeting in November or February to discuss how they can support the work of ECCC
  - Barbara Andrews will update MSDE and Maryland Family Network with regard to the change of the ECAC to the ECCC
- Budget and Bill Update/ECCC:
  - Hiring for Public Policy Officer (will report to Uma directly), Planning Specialist, and Office Services Coordinator
  - Strategic Planning Consultant (fall)
  - Implementation of the Child Care Expansion & Quality Enhancement Initiative funding delayed to FY17
  - Parent Resource Centers (PRC) lost funding and have closed. The Gaithersburg Judy Center has been informally tracking the number of calls from families affected by the closures. Portia Willis will check to determine if ChildLink is also tracking this. The MCCRRC will begin to track the number of families that come onsite to register for the PRC.
  - Possible model classroom at the new Child Care Resource and Referral Center based on Social and Emotional Foundations of Early Learning (SEFEL) and utilization of the room for parent engagement purposes and Infants and Toddlers families
  - Discussion regarding the hub consortium mentioned in Council bill 13-15
  - Discussion regarding importance of connecting the worlds of early childhood

**Committee Meetings:**

- Committees were asked to decide on new committee Chairs; determine next steps/partnerships; make Commitments (turn in form today); and determine next meeting date(s)

**Committee Reports:**

- The Literacy and Pediatric Outreach Committee will now focus solely on Literacy and Tobi Printz-Platnick is the new Chair. The next meeting date is to be determined.
- The Public Outreach and Media Committee will gather information on the success of the bus campaign as related to Project 2 of the ECAC Implementation Grant. The committee introduced the topic of social media and ChildLink, and April Kaplan reported that the Collaboration Council is looking at a new platform for infoMontgomery. JoAnne Barnes and Jennifer Arnaiz are going to request community review of ECS outreach. Linda Owen is the new committee Chair and the next meeting is scheduled for 10/29 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Parent & Family Engagement Committee discussed the MCPS Family Engagement Plan and Parent Cafes. The committee may continue the focus groups that were started under the ECAC Implementation Grant and will work to create a list of resources for children and families in the County.

**Council Bill 13-15 Requirements Overview and Discussion:**

- ECAC becomes Coordinating Council (ECCC) under DHHS
- County Council must confirm ECCC membership
- Executive appoints Director of DHHS or designee
- Executive designates a Chair and Vice-Chair—may look to make a technical change to bill to keep the current co-chair structure
- ECCC meets at least 9 times per year (our new 3 hour structure with Committee meetings should meet this)
- Same requirements as ECAC plus:
  - Recommend uniform regulations for the availability of quality child care in public spaces
  - Develop ways to leverage public and private partnerships, MCPS and the County
  - Develop a Hub Consortium between Family Child Care and Accredited Child Care Centers
  - Update and implement an Early Childhood Initiative to integrate public and private Early Childhood Services
  - Specific Details for Strategic Plan (p.8 under Public Policy Officer)
  - Changes to By-Laws to Follow
  - Determination of Vice Chair to Follow
  - Process for confirmation of membership to be determined

**MCPS Reorganization:**

- The MCPS Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs Overview Chart was distributed and reviewed.

**Children's Opportunity Fund:**

- The organization was funded with \$125,000 each from the budgets of DHHS and MCPS and its goal is to determine ways to close the achievement gap in the school system.

**Announcements:**

- Parent Café training was facilitated in Montgomery County in June through the Kennedy Cluster and Maryland Family Network. Two additional training dates are to be determined.

- The Montgomery County Child Care Resource and Referral Center is moving in December and will be joined by all of Early Childhood Services. The building will have four training rooms.

**Adjournment:**

**11:52 a.m.**