



Childhood Care and Education Coordinating Council
Meeting Summary
Thursday December 6, 2007
1:00-4:45
Roth's Hospitality Center
1130 Wallace Road NW
Salem, OR 97304

Present: Pamela Duvall, Kim Cardona, Peggy Cooksey, Donaldda Dodson, Pam Dunn, Pamela Everitt, Barbara Griffin, Kathleen Hynes, Jeanne Kotsakis, Kitty Lake, Donna Lewelling, Heidi McGowan, Mary Nemmers, Dawn Norris, Dianna Pickett, Diane Ponder, Dennis Reynolds, Diana Stotz, Sonja Svenson, Tom Olsen, Barb Young, Marilyn McManus, Darcy Long-Curtiss, Bobbie Weber, Terry Butler, Helen Bellanca and Alissa Keny-Guyer.

Introductions & Announcements-

Parent Voice Updates – Salem Child Development Center shared what they have been doing with Professional Development. They have embraced using the Oregon Registry for employees and have provided in-service training for staff on the Oregon Registry. They have also looked at Accreditation and weighed the pros and cons, currently they are not seeking accreditation but may in the future. One of the reasons they are not seeking accreditation is they were currently full and they didn't need it for the marketing. They have also bought a house but there was a glitch in the zoning and they are currently working to get it re-zoned.

Quality Indicators Project – A brief overview of the project was presented along with a vision of creating an investment fund to support child care providers based on the Quality Indicators Report. The perspective from licensing specialists was shared in regards to the challenges of gathering the data. Alissa Keny-Guyer from the Penney Family Fund and the Multnomah Commission for Children and Families shared the perspective of a funder. The group broke out into small groups to provide feedback on two questions.

1. What strategies would need to happen to change the culture and have providers fill out the forms.
 - Look at creating a star system to provide incentive to fill out.
 - Need to look at how to normalize the process and possibly have a database so they don't need to fill it out.
 - Streamline the forms, on the web, make sure all leaders in the organization understand the importance, once it goes on the web it should be a natural incentive, appropriate expectations, and network together to fill out forms.
 - If you don't fill it out you don't get your license and either the director or the licensing specialists need to get the data.
 - Identify barriers to filling out the form and simplify the forms. Send out the information ahead of time to
 - The certifier needs to relay their expectations to have the forms filled out completely.

2. How do we encourage communities or the state to invest in child care.
 - Share the information to a much broader audience, including Civic groups.

- Awareness of the economic impact, Early Childhood Group to present to the business community.
- Look at the state for additional dollars.
- A match from CCF and corporate dollars to leverage additional funds.
- Collaboration of all groups, more communications and using CCF to facilitate the process.
- Need to educate the communities on the economic impact of child care.
- Create a model first that all communities to use with a campaign for it. Find those partners to build an infrastructure to support it and who is going to organize it.
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Community Health Partnership – Helen Bellanca shared that the Community Health Partnership is interested in working with child care on the issue of childhood obesity. She is looking forward for opportunities to work together.

Progress and Accountability Tracking Tool (PATT) – Presented an overview of the Logic Model which was developed in 2005. When it was presented to the Commission for Child Care they felt gaps needed to be identified because it appeared there were no gaps. After the gaps had been identified it was decided the system needed a way to track the progress of the child care system. The System Accountability Group was formed and charged with creating a way to track progress in a measurable way. The groups broke into small groups to review a specific outcome and provide feedback on the document. Next steps for the System Accountability Group are to take the feedback and incorporate it into the document and they will present it at the next Coordinating Council.

Updates from Committees:

Child Care Contribution Tax Credit – We have just begun accepting stock contributions and currently have approximately \$35,000 in stock contribution pending. Dawn will update the Tax Credit Advisory Group weekly through December

Child Care Research Partnership – Currently working on how to measure the retention of Family Child Care Providers so everyone in the state is measuring it the same way and taking another look at the Child Care Supply numbers.

OAEYC- Save the Date for the OAEYC Professional Development Institute at Lane Community College April 11 & 12

OACCD – Save the Date for the OACCD Spring Conference at Agate Beach Inn in Newport.

Governor's Summit – Invitational Early Childhood Summit is looking at the infrastructure in three policy area. Is hoping it will launch additional support for Early Childhood. The members of the Coordinating Council will be the sub-committee for Early Care and Education group.

Inclusive Child Care Program –

PICCE Project:

- Applications from 6 returning communities are due 12/19/07.
- These communities will likely use their own TRAC trainers.
- 2 or 3 new communities will be added. They will likely use statewide trainers from Western Oregon University (WOU) or other qualified TRAC trainers.
- The Oregon Commission on Children and Families has added funds to those provided by the Child Care Division. OCCF funds will be used for follow up supports to TRAC trainees, and for support and TA to trainers from WOU.
- The project will support up to 4 new TRAC trainers if others also send trainers to the 5 day program. The Oregon Dept. of Education has expressed in interest in sharing a train-the-trainers.

Opening Doors Initiative

- The Oregon Institute on Disability and Development has submitted a grant proposal to the Babel/Aiken Foundation to support Opening Doors activities. Word from the foundation is expected in January 2008.

Inventory Project:

- The ICCP is still working on having a web-based site for Inventory information. Disability Compass is being considered as a possible site.

Annual meeting and focus groups:

- The committee is exploring ideas for an annual meeting and/or focus groups to evaluate progress on inclusive child care in Oregon.

Health Consultation Program – The Program evaluation report and project summaries are posted: <http://egov.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ch/hcco/index.shtml>. A document summarizing the 4 year demonstration program will be completed in March 2008.

Small Grant Program

Purpose/Objectives: The small grant program will support planning and development within service areas not currently served by child care health consultation services. A series of regional child care health forums will be held around the state to share information and initiate child care health planning statewide. This grant will support team travel to the regional forums. The objectives of the grant program will be the following:

- Develop collaborative partnerships between local health and early care and education partners
- Provide information about local practices currently in place to improve the health of children in child care settings
- Increase capacity for the provision of health information to child care providers
- Assess current capacity and the need for additional health consultation services statewide

Activities: The program will support activities to conduct community needs assessments, identify existing resources, and coordinate in the dissemination of child health information. A brief report at the end of the project will summarize the activities undertaken; identify available resources, ongoing activities and funding gaps; and provide preliminary estimates of services to be provided and families/children to be served. 10 – 15 small grants will be made available in spring 2008.

Child Care Health and Safety on the Web

The Child Care Resource and Development Network website will soon include pages for child care providers, parents, and health consultants. Stay tuned!

Next Meeting: February 7, 2007