



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

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**Present:** Sonja Svenson, Bridget Buchholz, Jeannie Suihkonen, Beth Unverzagt, Pam Everitt, Kitty Lake, Kathleen Hynes, Heidi McGowen, Tom Olsen, Peggy Cooksey, Dennis Reynolds, Diana Stotz, Kathy Seubert, Mary Nemmers, Barb Young, Ernesto Escalera, Donna Lewelling, Dianna Pickett, Bobbie Weber, Jackie Jones, Barbara Ellis Christiansen, Mark Anderson, Patsy Kohout

### **Parent Voice Update**

Barbara shared a shift in how the Salem Child Development Center is moving to mixed age groups based on teacher, child and parent preference.

Ernesto shared they are having a hard time finding personnel in Washington County.

Donna has been discussing with the Head Start in Corvallis and they are excited of the possible OR/Pre-K package to pass.

### **Child Care Provider Association presentations**

Bridget Buchholz represents the Child Care Provider Association (national organization) and they have a database which tracks if parents pay their bills on time. The annual membership is \$60 and members update their own information ongoing. They provide resources and supports for providers around business practices. They work to support the Amber Alert system for missing children, are working to establish non-profit status and will be looking in the future to creating state chapters. Mary Nemmers shared it looked like this had some opportunities to R&R and other partners to work together with the Child Care Provider Association.

### **Budget Note – Tom Olson**

Since the previous meeting there has been no word on the concerns raised. The main issue is a gap between child care abuse investigations and House Bill 3113 has emerged to address third party child abuse investigations. There is another bill looking to see if any one working in child care could have the same criminal history check. This charge came from the Partners for Children and Families and Tom will take a 1 page paper Kitty Lake has developed from discussions and see how the Partners for Children and Families would like to proceed. There will most likely be some legislature around this to help answer the questions to develop the system. There is a need for collaboration and resources to make this system work. The benefit for this system is to the public to move easily from one agency to another.

## **Update on Legislative Activities – Heidi McGowan**

House Bill 2810 & 2811 are the Contribution Tax Credit bills looking to remove the sunset and lift the cap. The bills were voted on and passed unanimously but requested an amendment to extend the sunset for 20 years and is now going to the Revenue Committee.

Representative Kotek bill, HB2809, recommends for child care planning be a required part during economic development planning and is currently in a work session.

SB788 & HB3181 was passed which looks at the 2 unions and would provide collective bargaining rights for registered and exempt family providers. This will now go to work session.

Policy Options Package-has been cut by 13 million by the co-chairs.

The co-chairs have cut the student child care dollars and there will be some families at the Ways and Means hearing.

## **2008-2009 Child Care and Development Fund State Plan Update – Sonja Svenson**

The plan is upon the website for public comment until May 4.

Discussion on the need for language in the plan in regards to college students was discussed and it was decided to leave the language in the plan for future opportunities.

## **Child Care System Accountability Committee - Bobbie Weber**

*(Handout from Bobbie)*

In 2002 the Child Care Division created performance measures in a process guided by Clara Pratt of Oregon State University. In 2005 the Division created the Oregon Child Care and Education System Logic Model, again with the assistance of Oregon State University. The logic model was reviewed by the Commission for Child Care who recommended that system gaps be named as the logic model by itself made it appear that all outcomes were being achieved. In December 2005 the Childhood Care and Education Coordinating Council (CCECC) identified and prioritized system gaps.

In January 2007 the Child Care Division requested that a work group meet and update the logic model. The group met and brought the updated logic model to the February CCECC meeting. The need for ongoing monitoring of progress in achieving desired outcomes led Tom Olsen at that meeting to charge the Oregon Child Care Research Partnership (OCCRP) to facilitate the creation of a System Accountability Committee. The following membership was identified: Kim Cardona, Joann Contini, Dell Ford, Heidi McGowan, Mary Nemmers, Dawn Norris, Rosetta Wangerin, and Bobbie Weber. The group was charged with addressing the following issues:

- Clarify the scope of the logic model—which partners and activities are included
- Identify ways for measuring progress in reducing gaps, achieving outcomes
- Create formats for the logic that make the material more accessible

In response to the charge from Tom Olsen, at its March 7, 2007 meeting the OCCRP, with input from Lynne Reinoso from the Department of Education, made the following recommendations:

1. rename the logic model the Performance and Accountability Tracking Tool (PATT)
2. insert a statement that clarifies that the model includes partners who receive funding through the Child Care Division
3. clearly link the PATT to the state CCDF plan

OCCRP charged the new System Accountability Committee to:

1. Review OCCRP recommendations
2. Recommend changes to the logic model
  - a. Describe gaps so that progress can be measured
  - b. Devise method for updating PATT
  - c. Devise method for linking PATT to CCDF Plan
  - d. Devise new format that
    - i. Describes outcomes, activities, gaps
    - ii. Is easy to read
    - iii. Includes graphics

## RECOMMENDATIONS

On March 27, 2007 the Systems Accountability Committee met and is bringing the following recommendations to CCECC:

1. Rename the Logic Model the Performance and Tracking Tool (PATT)
2. Clarify that the PATT focuses on partners and activities funded by the Child Care Division
3. Link the PATT to the CCDF Plan
4. CCECC work with a reduced list of gaps. The Systems Accountability Committee reviewed the list of gaps and reduced the list based on the following two criteria.
  1. a gap had received one or more votes in the CCECC prioritization process OR
  2. partners are making progress in reducing the gap

## Discussion

There was discussion on the history of the gaps which were identified back in 2005 and how a record was kept. Bobbie shared that those gaps are still in the original document and after discussion it was decided to save all the gaps identified and as gaps progress additional gaps which were identified in 2005 could be added. It was also suggested to look at the title and change form Performance to Progress. There was some desire to make this tool a document legislator's would be able to use to see the progress in the child care system as it related to CCDF. Tom asked how the Logic Model interfaces with our performance measures and Clara and Tom will look to ensure the performance measures and the Logic Model work together.

## **Recommendations from the CCR&R Task Force – Stephen Guntli**

Stephen passed out the preliminary recommendations and updated on feedback from the survey. There have been 63 people take the general survey and 267 parents or providers who have taken the other survey. Additionally, there have been meetings with the Commission for Child Care, R&R directors, Coordinating Council and other R&R staff.

There is a process of checks and balances in place between the Network Board, CCD and DHS and Commission for Child Care.

Will create work groups from the partners to work through the final recommendations to assist in implementation.

Summary of Conversation per Stephen

Generally speaking there was a positive feeling about the fact that we were looking at change.

One question was what was the context for doing this – was it saving money, was it efficiency, or was it improving services?

Going to a more regional system (reducing the number of SDA's) is a recommendation that will drive the implementation phase to reduce the number of SDA's so that decision as a recommendation could have a profound impact.

If CCD and DHS do not choose to contract for a particular recommendation, obviously that change will not happen (Tom Olsen said that to assure people that there are checks and balances)

It is valid to look at changes to system in light of PAT Plan that was distributed at meeting today. But what is the relationship to local entities?

If you do have an 800 number, you better be sure you always have a live person answering it.

Were parents on the Task Force – we said yes. How were the outcomes decided? Did parents have input? Need parents involved in Implementation Planning period, especially if it is going to impact parents.

Systems change is built around relationships people have – likes page five that focuses on local and regional relationships and working with other partners – this is critical – while website may be important, we should start with a focus on relationships – Website should not be first thing we see in recommendations.

Change is difficult but you must analyze what you do or you die. She applauded our effort to look at change – introspection and system change is necessary.

Look at reality of what is happening now – it is important. (example was “Email is for old people” - younger people have already moved on to something else) – How people get information has changed dramatically.

Look at economic changes around the state – need a quality media campaign linking employers to families to kids to community.

Outcome 3 is important – if we are not there locally in the community, things don't happen.

Bobbie talked about early results of a study that is showing that relationships and one-on-one coaching are best ways to help providers. How we improve child care is provider based, not parent based.

### **Updates from Committees**

- Training Quality Committee
  - The Training Calendar is online and has over 500 trainings on it and the Child Care Division staff love it. The Professional Development Data Warehouse which would hold all trainings for agencies and individuals to access their trainings. The Center and CCR&R are submitting costs to CCD on entering data. Tom asked if NCCIC knows of other states that are doing something similar. Bobbie said she hasn't heard anything and Patsy shared that Connecticut is looking at it.
- Inclusive Child Care
  - Donna shared the Inventory project is moving along with community meetings. The information will be posted on the Disabilities Compass database which is actively used. The PICC project is currently collecting information from the TRAC trainers and planning for next steps. The Opening Doors Initiative is moving along with trainings occurring.
- Child Care Research Partnership
  - The 2004 state/county profiles are complete. A person is able to print off a county profile and compare to state profiles. Bobbie is beginning to look at the 2006 data. Beginning to look at creating a question bank so that people who receive CCD funding would need to ask certain questions on evaluations to complete comparisons. Need to work with evaluators who have worked with us in the past to develop the question bank.
- Quality Indicators
  - Starting the second year in Multnomah County with centers and beginning with family providers. Beginning the first year in Coos and Curry County with family providers. Tom is presenting the licensing specialist with a certificate of appreciation on Monday.
- Child Care Contribution Tax Credit
  - See updates on legislative activities.

### **Updates from Partners**

- OregonASK
  - Submitted a grant to develop 10 vistas to help gather people in the field and another to develop a strategic policy team which is comprised of decision makers across several agencies, to work with a national network to work on policy for after school. The Governor has been videotaped to and will be shown at the "Day at the Capitol"
- CCR&R Network
  - One Voice for Child Care is really active this session and has a lobby day on April 25.
- Center for Career Development

- Has developed a 4 part standardized training series called “Starting Points”. The CCR&R Professional Development Mentors will be trained to present this series across the state.
- OAEYC
  - Spring Conference is coming up with Robin Rose as the keynote.
- Oregon Commission for Child Care
  - Involved in the legislature and the CCR&R Task Force. The report to the Governor is complete along with the Executive Summary. Heidi also handed out postcards to support the Governor budget.

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 7, 2007 – WEST SALEM ROTH’S – 1 TO 4:30 P.M.**

**Planned agenda items**

- Friends, Family and Neighbor presentation
- Review Childhood Care and Education Committee Chart
- System Accountability update

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