

CHILD CARE SUPPLY COMMITTEE

March 15, 2007 Meeting Notes

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

OCCF Large Conference Room

530 Center Street NE, Suite 405

Salem, Oregon 97301

In Attendance: Beth Unverzagt, Kim Cardona, Sonja Svenson, Dawn Norris, Dawn Prodzinsky, Rosy Alejo

By Phone: Bobbie Weber, Heidi McGowan, Jeanne Lemieux, Karren Andrews, Kathy Wadsworth, Patsy Kohout, Rosalie Broding, Tryna Muillenberg

Purpose: To improve local recruitment and retention of the child care workforce.

Outcomes for Today's Meeting:

- Clarification / discussion of new CCDF Guidelines and Technical Assistance (T/A Team) available to communities
- Agreement on next steps for the group

1. Introductions and review / revision of minutes

The minutes were reviewed and approved.

Announcement: April 11 will be a Day at Capitol for School Age Care. There are 3 aspects of the agenda:

- Keep Kids safe
- Help working families, and
- Inspire learning

Mayor Kitty Piercy will have a major role in this event and will introduce the different speakers. Participants will meet with the legislators. Beth invited 200 people.

2. CCDF Guidelines (Clarification, suggestions)

Kim opened the discussion by stating the Federal regulations were established in 1998 and the revised guidelines are simply a clarification of the Federal intent. A Technical Assistance Team will be formed to work with the local commissions. Members are: Dawn Norris (Child Care Division), Rhonda Prozinshy (Department of Human Services), Cynthia Hurkes (Oregon Resource & Referral Network), and Kim Cardona (Oregon Commission on Children and Families). The team will travel to the three Eastern Regions the first week of April and to the Western Region the last week of April.

The first round is to mostly to provide information and provide an overview about the child care system. However, the team will also provide an opportunity for discussing the guidelines and engage in some preliminary problem-solving.

During the discussion, there are issues that arise regarding the guidelines:

- Not sent out for comment prior, sent out too late for many CCFs to use in RFP process
- Marion County cancelled their RFP and will need to rethink use funds for salaries and estimates that is likely... 80-90%.
- Rural programs rely mostly on it for operational support
- Issues around afterschool program wages/salaries
- Issues for funding programs across the board

Concern regarding afterschool care:

- Sustainability of supporting salaries
- Partnership piece
- Agency to support program
- Continuity of the program
- How to use CCDF, where can we find additional funds
- Funds to meet requirements
- Help to meet the standards
- Accreditation of licensed schoolage programs is an allowable use of funds, and/or assistance with becoming licensed.
- Great need for programs in low income/rural communities

Brainstorm for the content of binders for CCFs:

- Publications / materials needed for the Team
- Group to troubleshoot & develop ways to look for funds
- Use the new Funding Guide
- Documents / hand-outs to be included : R&R, CCECC, DHS, ODE, OCCF
- State data, County data from 2004 data analysis
- No onsite inspection, licensing and exempt information
- OregonASK materials

Training calendar of Child Care

- On-line registration program
- Two training programs- food handling specific to CC providers
- Washington CCF provided additional dollars for the translation of curriculum for providers with limited English
- Send emails of queries

Next Steps:

What should this group focus on what is the best way to include participants in meaningful work?

- Recruitment / related strategies
- Need to keep meeting specific task
- Look at top priorities of OCC:
 - Compensation & initiatives
 - Supporting hard to find care (special needs, infant/toddler)
 - Licensing / facilitation
 - Maintain private / public partnership around child care
 - Very specific-compensation initiatives
 - Evaluation results of project, identify to have statewide plan

Decision – where is the biggest impact:

- Some way of creating incentives in the world of licensing to get at training
- Equity issues

Future (what we can do):

- Compensation- articulate what it looks like, identify the funding streams
- Identify future funds-CCDF quality dollars and know how to use them
- Supply building
- Sponsor a Bill

Focus for next meeting:

- Organize how to articulate compensation initiatives
- Raising standards related to exempt care to help them licensed to create supply
- Importance of training

Next meeting will be on _____

