CHILD CARE SUPPLY COMMITTEE June 29, 2006 Meeting Notes 1:00 – 3:00 PM

In Attendance: Mary Nemmers, Kim Cardona, Coleen Dyrud, Tryna Muilenburg, Lynne Reinoso, Heidi McGowan, Marguerite Kenagy, Rosalie Broding, Bobbie Weber, Faye Zepeda, Mark Anderson, Pam Dunn, Beth Unverzagt, Sonja Svenson; By phone: Anne Gill, Kelly Poe, Ruth Lusk.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Future Action
1. Introductions, Agenda Review	 The goals of this meeting were to: Provide context for the purpose of the committee. Outline the work of the committee. Determine a process for work completion. 		
2. History/background	There has been a decline in the supply of child care as reported by the Oregon Progress Board. The following documents were provided and reviewed: Logic Model Process Recommendations from OCCC Decline in Supply as reported by Oregon Progress Board Child Care Supply in Oregon 2005 Child Care Supply in Oregon 2005 CCF/R&R Meetings on Roles and Functions Supply of Child Care Literature Review Minutes from May 16, 2006 Child Care Supply Committee state advisory group.	Information and discussion.	

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3. Review purpose statement / discuss work plan and timelines.	After a brief discussion members agreed the following purpose statement is an accurate representation of the purpose of the committee: Purpose: To improve local recruitment and retention of the child care workforce.	Information and discussion.	
	 Work plan and timelines: Product- Framework/Guidance to local CCFs for planning purposes. Menu of effective recruitment / retention strategies that can be share with local CCFs and R&Rs. County Planning Guidance for the next six year plans. Process for work completion. 	Provide input to Geralyn Brennan on strategies, guidance and training recommendations Work to be completed as a group at this time.	Work to be completed by January 2007 in time for the next six year planning process.
	 Types of group experience with the planning process comments: Provided data and supply information to LCCF. Offered input on use of LCCF funds. OCCF has an Agreement with CCD on how local and state commission CCDF funds will be used. Provide technical assistance to LCCFs around planning. Provide technical assistance to counties for Providers. Helped to write the plans and guidance to 	Brainstorming / discussion	

counties.

- Prepared the Biannual report.
- Provided CACFP food program data.
- Participated on the Early Childhood Team.
- OCCC helps to define/narrow priorities.
- Participated in county planning.
- Participated in the six-county grant planning.
- Used plans to approach school districts.
- Part of state ECT and reviewed the plans.

Group discussion comments:

- Where are the kids? There needs to be a breakdown and understanding of who is caring for the children.
- Need to understand the current supply / demand and the factors that determine the actual local/state needs.
- There are misperceptions about what low supply means.
- Need to understand characteristics that determine demand such as labor force participation, etc.
- We need to set counties up with more accurate benchmark goals.
- There may be a need to change the current benchmark.
- On target does not mean that supply needs have been met.
- There needs to be a way to analyze the supply needs and continue to monitor the changes.

- The public needs to become informed on what quality care is.
- There is a need for low cost/affordable care.
- There is a need for after school care, especially for summer or seasonal and part-day kindergartners.
- It's important to stabilize the supply.
- The Professional Development system needs to be promoted.
- The system needs to be marketed.
- A systems approach should be used.
- Don't re-invent the wheel, there have already been many good initiatives and we already know some strategies that work in Oregon.
- Don't forget to acknowledge the changes in kindergarten and that there is a push for full-day kindergarten.
- There is a need for funding.
- Providers need incentives, compensation, and benefits.
- AFSCME Union will be unveiling information about benefits for child care providers in the near future.

Criteria for selecting strategies:

- There is evidence that it works.
- Is sustainable.
- Will work with funders and is considered a smart way to invest.
- A system is developed that we can buy into

statewide with consideration that each county is unique.

- Will make a difference now and in the future, considered a critical piece of community life.
- Structural, fundamental to healthy communities.
- Providers will be respected and compensated.
- It's birth to twelve.
- Public money can be used to leverage private money.
- Myth busting, inform the public about early childhood.
- Changes attitudes.
- Look at supporting existing initiatives first

Some strategies discussed:

- Enrollment in food program.
- CCHC Project
- LCCFs are able to engage local businesses.
- Seek support from the Chamber of Commerce to sponsor awards and provider recognition events.

4. Child and Adult Food Care Program (CACFP) Provider Recruitment – Lynne Reinoso	Lynne provided a brief overview of the food program services and information about the decline in provider participation. The CACFP is an entitlement program that is currently receiving \$20 million yearly in federal reimbursement funds. CACFP Monitors visit providers at least three times a year and provide technical assistance and additional training. Lynne announced there will be a meeting in September with partners to recruit and retain providers in the food program. A fact sheet about how the food program supports quality child care was provided.	Information	
5. Review next steps / set next meeting date, Adjourn.	Possible agenda items for next meeting:	Information and discussion. Next meeting: July 18, 2006. 10:00 am–12:00 pm in the OCCF large conference room.	
		Sonja- Provide program inventory. Kim- Provide LCCF activity inventory. Bobbie- Provide information about supply and demand. Rosalie- Share Clackamas CCF Planning report.	Homework: Bring examples of current or past initiatives in your county. Read literature review.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, July 18, 2006. 10:00am to 12:00pm—OCCF Large Conference Room