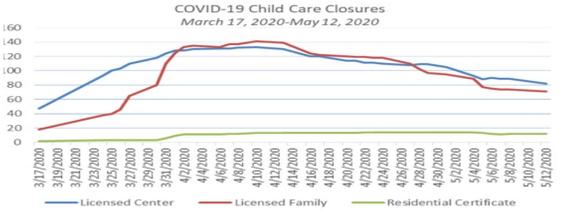




Meeting Minutes

Committee via GoTo Webinar: Rhonda Dossett, Ana Cuenca, Holly Kingston, Katie Ricord, Jessica Smith, Simon Bolivar, Suzanne Leonelli, Kelly Riding, Jonny Anderson, Jody Zabriskie, Encarni Gallardo, Elizabeth Garbe, Kyla Clark, Adam Sorensen, Page Checketts,
Support Staff: Tracy Gruber, Kathy Link, Montana Meyers
Interested Parties and Guests: KC Hutton, Karrie Phillips, Heather Thomas, Ann Stockham-Mejia, Donna Thomas, Michele Brice, JoEllen Robbins, Nune Phillips, Sarah Hanson, Jamie Bitton, Jen Romero, Jamie Dunn, Crystal Knippers, Beatrice Barrentez

Agenda Item	Discussion	Recommendations/Actions																								
Welcome and Introductions	Chair, Rhonda Dossett welcomed the Committee. Approval of 3/11/2020 meeting minutes. The link to watch and listen to the meeting; https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/6160973075639950604	Rhonda Dossett called for a motion to approve the prior minutes. Johnny Anderson motioned. Page Checketts seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.																								
COVID-19 Child Care Issues	<p>a. Current Health of Utah’s Child Care System—Tracy Gruber referred to the below graphs in her overview.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="354 735 951 946"> <thead> <tr> <th>Provider Type</th> <th>Total Count of Licensed Programs (as of 2/12/20)</th> <th>Current Percent of Programs Temporarily Closed</th> <th>Current Slots Lost Due to Temporary Closures</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Licensed Center</td> <td>342</td> <td>24.0%</td> <td>6958</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Licensed Family</td> <td>760</td> <td>9.3%</td> <td>920</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Residential Certificate</td> <td>75</td> <td>16.0%</td> <td>92</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FFN</td> <td>220</td> <td>13.2%</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">TOTAL:</td> <td>7,970</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>  <p>b. COVID-19 Child Care Task Force Update -- Tracy Gruber provided an update on the Child Care Task Force established by the Lt. Governor to address the emergent child care needs of essential employees from the sectors of health and public safety. The work of the task force included establishing the One Utah Child Care System and two additional work groups: Stabilization and Recovery.</p> <p>c. CARES Act Budget & Updates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Child Care Subsidy Changes -- Ann Stockham Mejia provided an overview of temporary changes made to the child care subsidy program during the Covid-19 pandemic. ii. One Utah Child Care – Ms. Gruber provided an overview of the One Utah Child Care System. The system is serving approximately 318 kids at 30 sites, which equates to 64 classrooms, 552 slots. Additionally, One Utah includes 52 contracted slots at nine child care programs. The estimated budget for three months is approximately \$1.5 million. One Utah Child Care also offsetting the cost 	Provider Type	Total Count of Licensed Programs (as of 2/12/20)	Current Percent of Programs Temporarily Closed	Current Slots Lost Due to Temporary Closures	Licensed Center	342	24.0%	6958	Licensed Family	760	9.3%	920	Residential Certificate	75	16.0%	92	FFN	220	13.2%	-	TOTAL:			7,970	
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of child care to 331 school-age children of essential employees in 130 private child care programs. The estimate cost for three months is \$1.0 million.

- iii. Operations Grant – The Covid-19 Task Force, Stabilization Work Group recommended the establishment of a Child Care Operations Grant. JoEllen Robbins, OCC Program Manager reported on the outcome of that grant: 172 grants issued to licensed child care centers in April and 221 grants were issued to licensed family child care providers. The amounts issue in April was approximately \$5.0 million. The grant will continue through the end of June.
 - iv. Recovery Expenses – OCC is awaiting recommendations from the Recovery Work Group to determine needs of child care providers to re-open and remain open.
 - v. Summer Programming – Ms. Gruber indicated that OCC is releasing funds to support summer programming statewide. Nune Phillips will provide a report on that grant.
 - vi. The Committee discussed that Utah in total, was given \$40 Million as part of the CARES Act, with 3 years to spend it. Katie Ricord encouraged the state to spend the money now, not to wait. Ms. Gruber explained they are trying to get the money out to emergent needs, with an obligation to do so quickly and responsibly. The first wave of spending the money was on the subsidy changes, One Utah Child Care System, and Stabilization group which needed to happen quickly before they lost programs permanently. The recovery group has the most amount of time to determine spending. Congress budgeted for the money to be spent now and they figuring out what programs are going to need, to plan accordingly.
- d. Health & Safety Protocols (Child Care Licensing)
- i. Simon Bolivar provided an update on health and safety protocols implemented in phases during the pandemic and reminded programs to contact their Local Health Authority if they have concerns. Child Care Licensing is not issuing new licenses or opening new facilities, but there may have to be exceptions in some communities. They are evaluating guidance from the CDC and at the local level to ensure there is reduced spread of Covid-19 in programs. Ms. Gruber indicated Office of Child care is working closely with Child Care Licensing regarding the CARES Act and what the providers are going to need to do to undergo changes to the physical space to provide care under new conditions.
- e. Summer Programming Options (Nune Phillips)
- i. Ms. Phillips provided an overview of the summer programming grant that will be available to supplement child care capacity in private child care programs. She reported that OCC partnered with the Utah Afterschool Network to conduct phone surveys to evaluate whether programs will be open in the summer. OCC also evaluated existing child care capacity to ensure that any summer

Income charts are available at;
<https://jobs.utah.gov/occ/provider/incomeeligcopay.pdf>

	<p>programming funds would supplement capacity in private child care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Ms. Phillips provided an overview of the grant and the grant application timeline. iii. OCC budgeted between \$5-7 million for summer grants. <p>f. Recovery Work Group Update (Page Checketts & Jody Zabriskie)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Ms. Checketts and Ms. Zabriskie, co-chairs of the Recovery Work Group reported on its activities and explained the Recovery Work Group's goal is to develop recommendations that will assist all closed, licensed, and regulated child care providers in reopening and remaining open during the pandemic. They will recommend the strategies to support existing and new child care providers with economic stability measures, ways to sustain and increase quality, and policies that protect the physical and mental health of child care professional and the children in their care. OCC sent out a survey to child care programs to assess their needs and determine why programs are remaining closed. <p>Ms. Gruber reminded the Committee of the discussion that occurred during the March Advisory meeting regarding child care access and the report that OCC released just prior to the pandemic. During that meeting the Committee discussed the importance of child care to the state's economy. Committee member Anna Thomas encouraged the committee to include this with the work of the Child Care Task Force emphasizing that child care is not sustainable without thoughtful state investment and by business leaders. Several Committee members echoed Ms. Thomas' concerns.</p>	<p>Providers with questions, refer to the Q&A document at; https://jobs.utah.gov/covid19/covidocc.html.</p>
Office of Child Care Staff Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. KC Hutton now a Program Specialist over curriculum. b. Heather Thomas is new OCC Program Manager. c. OCC hiring 2 interns to help with the administration of Covid-19 related programs: One Utah & Child Care Operations Grant. 	
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Jessica Smith (USBE) reported that Utah's Early Learning Standards were adopted by the Utah State Board of Education. The draft document is online: https://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/preschool. USBE will be providing training to coaches and lead teachers. USBE expected the standards to implementation by School Year 2021-2022. 	
Adjournment	<p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting Wednesday, July 8, 2020 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm</p>	<p>Rhonda Dossett called for a motion to adjourn. Johnny Anderson motioned. Jessica Smith seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.</p>