



Office of Child Care Advisory Committee

Wednesday July 8, 2020
Via Go To Meeting
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Committee via GoTo Webinar: Rhonda Dossett, Ana Cuenca, Holly Kingston, Crystal Knippers for Katie Ricord, Jessica Smith, Simon Bolivar, Kelly Riding, Jonny Anderson, Jody Zabriskie, Encarni Gallardo, Elizabeth Garbe, Adam Sorensen, Deb Tilley, Anna Thomas

Support Staff: Tracy Gruber, Kathy Link, Montana Meyers

Interested Parties and Guests: Karrie Phillips, Heather Thomas, Ann Stockham-Mejia, JoEllen Robbins, Nune Phillips, Kellie Kohler, Allison Nicholson, Carolyn Ellsworth, Charlotte Woodward, Donna Thomas, Emma Moench, Genevieve Romero, Jake Maxwell, Jill Chelsey-McGinnis, Joyce Hasting, Kathryn Martinez, Kim Melville, Leah Schilling, Michele Rice, Shauna Kendall, Wendy Joseph, Carrie Stott, Nicole Bissonette, Sarah Hansen

Agenda Item	Discussion	Recommendations/Actions
Welcome and Introductions	Chair, Rhonda Dossett welcomed the Committee. Approval of 3/11/2020 meeting minutes. The link to the recording of the meeting; https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/#/s/a91239daaa1895a0531751893d32aa8d1617c5f64f89d314fc72b7395910c026	Rhonda Dossett called for a motion to approve the 5/13/2020 minutes. Jody Zabriskie motioned. Holly Kingston seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.
Agency Updates	a. Utah State Board of Education: Jessica Smith shared the Templates and Tools to reopen K-12 Schools document; https://www.schools.utah.gov/file/0893b315-7808-41bb-9e1a-a74a036a9b90 Ms. Smith shared the Professional Development Opportunities for the 2020-2021 School Year. To join and subscribe to the Utah Preschool Community, visit https://lists.uen.org/mailmain/listinfo/utpreschool	
FY 2021 Office of Child Care Budget	a. Ms. Gruber provided an overview of the FY 2021 OCC Budget and reviewed ongoing expenses. The Advisory Committee interested to remain updated on how the budget dollars are being sent and whether federal dollars to fund School Readiness Grants.	Rhonda Dosset called for a motion to approve the budget. Johnny Anderson motioned, Jody Zabriskie seconded the motion. Anna Thomas abstains. Motion carried, FY 2021 budget passed.
Child Care Quality System-- Modification	a. JoEllen Robbins reviewed the CCQS modifications. Office of Child Care received guidance from ERSI (Environmental Rating Scale Institute) that the observation tool should not be used for high-stakes observations during the pandemic. Office of Child Care will use the scales to maintain reliability of observers and to guide program improvement and general guidance.	

	<p>All programs that have a CCQS rating will have that rating extended until 2021. Programs rated <i>High Quality</i> or <i>High Quality Plus</i> will continue to receive the Enhanced Subsidy Grant at the current rate until the new expiration date.</p> <p>Free online workshops have been created so providers can learn about the scales. Workshops will be for all programs that want to learn about best practices; 1.5-2 hour classes will be taught by someone reliable on the scale to answer questions. JoEllen also provided an overview of the upcoming Peer Learning Communities Project coming in the fall.</p>	
<p>COVID-19 Child Care Updates</p>	<p>a. Current Health of Utah’s Child Care System: Tracy Gruber indicated 12.6% Licensed Centers are closed, 7.2% Licensed Family are temporarily closed. Ms. Gruber anticipates these numbers to continue to improve. CAC’s are contacting programs weekly and most are at about 50% capacity.</p> <p>b. Child Care subsidy changes: Ann Stockham Mejia explained there are new administrative rules that were enacted on July 8, 2020. They should be posted on the Utah Office of Administration website soon https://rules.utah.gov/. Effective 9/1/2020, subsidy rates for all provider types will be updated to 80% of licensed center and licensed family. Beginning October 1, 2020, Office of Child Care will be reinstating regular provider policies; If the Governor’s Declaration of the State of Emergency is not extended, all providers that are temporarily closed will be required to reopen by October 1, 2020 to receive and retain any subsidy payments. Beginning October 1, 2020, all providers will no longer be paid based on enrollment. Office of Child Care will reinstate attendance requirements and providers will have to complete monthly certification.</p> <p>c. Operations Grant- Ms. Gruber indicated there are 463 total recipients to date, 197 Center Providers (66% of open programs), 260 Family Providers (36% of open programs), 6 recipients of residential certificates, and April & May Payments are at about \$10.4M, numbers may change after closeout. Operations Grant was kept at 60% because programs are operating at 50% capacity and expressed that with summer programming they’d need additional resources. As long as there are resources and providers can benefit from grant and stay open, Office of Child Care will continue to revisit where enrollment is going and when they may need to decrease or sustain it.</p> <p>d. Sustaining the Child Care System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. CCL Grant is for health and safety to help assist with physical condition(s); flooring, walls, etc. Mr. Bolivar said they are in the evaluation part of the grant. ii. NAC Courses & Financial Coaching --The child care recovery program to help navigate program and business administrative piece, Office of Child Care and URPD are offering full scholarship for 	

	<p>NAC (National Administrators Credential). Recipients of full scholarship have to be owner, director, or business administrator for a licensed center or family child care program.</p> <p>iii. Virtual Professional Development System- Ms. Thomas explained the CDA scholarship has expanded the eligibility. The scholarship pays for fees required to receive initial credential. Previously only open to those working in licensed childcare program, now for people working in any early childhood including Public preschool and Headstart. In addition they are in midst of application window to sign up for CDA cohort through all CAC agencies, closing July 17th. Cohorts will work through 120 hours of training for CDA and assisting in other components. Priority to Licensed childcare, additional spots can be in any type of early childhood program. As of mid-April, all courses were modified to be offered via Zoom. All CAC trainings are being offered for free July-September. Registration at https://careaboutchildcare.utah.gov/. Early EdU courses offer Affordable online college courses open to all early childhood professional. \$63 for 3 college credit courses. If interested, contact earlyedu@utah.gov. Those who finish will get the 40 hours of career ladder credit.</p> <p>iv. Investments in quality -- Office of Child Care is aware of increases in behavioral challenges and they are working with The Children’s Center to provide consultations with centers and children.</p>	
Office of Child Care Staff Changes	<p>a. Kathy Link retiring at the end of July 2020.</p> <p>b. Wendy Joseph newest intern to join the team.</p>	
Other Business		
Adjournment	<p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting Wednesday, September 9, 2020 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm</p>	<p>Rhonda Dossett called for a motion to adjourn. Deb Tilley motioned. Simon Bolivar seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.</p>