Office of Child Care Advisory Committee  
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Meeting Minutes

Committee: Rhonda Dossett, Rebecca Banner, Anna Thomas, Holly Kingston, Katie Ricord, Simon Bolivar, Suzanne Leonelli, Tina Persels, Angie Cook for Page Checketts, Kyla Clark, Jody Zabriskie, Jared Lisonbee, Brian Zabriskie for Johnny Anderson, Adam Sorenson, Kelly Riding

Excused/Absent: Ana Cuenca, Beatrice Barrentez, Tracie Lund, Deborah Tilley, Elizabeth Garbe

Support Staff: Nune Phillips, Montana Meyers

Interested Parties and Guests: JoEllen Robbins, Ann Stockham Mejia, Heather Thomas, Emma Moench, Megan Vlaming, Shannon Thoman-Black, Lauren Fredman, Karrie Phillips, Charlotte Tanner, Donna Thomas, Jamie Bitton, Leah Schilling, Carrie Stott, Kristen Schulz, Allison Nicholson, Brian Barney, Julie Backlund, Heather Hughes,

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| Welcome     | a. Ms. Dossett, welcomed the Committee and called for attendance.  
| OCC Team Updates | a. Nune Phillips reviewed the staffing changes to the OCC Team. | |
| CRRSA/ARPA Funding Update | a. Rebecca Banner reviewed the CRRSA & ARPA Funding and the four funding sources. | The Committee will discuss a breakdown of the budget across several years to better understand how the additional federal funding and the CCDF funds are being spread across the sector. Regional efforts and updates will be discussed at future meetings. |

Child Care in COVID-19 Relief Packages

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<th>Date of Enactment</th>
<th>CARES Act</th>
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<td>Funding Amount</td>
<td>$40 Million</td>
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<td>Obligation Deadline</td>
<td>9/30/2022</td>
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The $40 million CARES act funds have been spent over the last year on One Utah Child Care, which served 649 children at the peak. The Child Care Operation Grants continue to still serve monthly payments to 450 providers. CRRSA (Corona Virus Response and Relief Supplemental Act) funding was passed in legislation in December 2020 and OCC recently received the federal guidance on how this CRRSA funding can be spent.
The Stabilization grants received $261 million with the ARPA Stabilization funds are to stabilize the child care sector in a way to rebuild a stronger childcare system that supports the developmental learning needs of children, parent needs and preferences and equal access to high-quality child care. Of the $261 million, 90 percent needs to be in subgrants for providers to apply for. Some of the expenses that this grant can be used for include: personnel costs, rent and utilities, facilities maintenance, PPE and cleaning supplies, equipment supplies, goods and services, and mental health services. OCC is working through the formula and making determinations on the grant amounts.

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<th>Early Childhood Consolidations Update</th>
<th>a. The Governor’s Early Childhood Commission tasked the Steering Committee with looking at the recommendations on the governance structure and how to better align and coordinate around Early Childhood Programs. This workgroup started meeting at the end of April 2021 and providing updates on all the programs that each agency administers, conducting an analysis on who the target populations are, who they are partnered with, and identifying the funding source. They have also reviewed recommendations that have been received through assessments in the last couple of years including the B-5 Needs Assessment Strategic Plan and Mental Health Assessment. The workgroup provided an updated of the recommendations on the governance structure at the 8/25/2021 Governor’s Early Childhood Commission Meeting. The next step is to review all programs and determine alignment, coordination and consolidation.</th>
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<td>b. Early Childhood Utah Advisory Council will meet July 15, 2021 at 1:00 pm. The Link to join the meeting is: <a href="https://www.utah.gov/pmn/sitemap/notice/678433.html">https://www.utah.gov/pmn/sitemap/notice/678433.html</a></td>
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| CCQS Update | a. JoEllen Robbins explained that OCC has collected all of the applications from those that applied and were eligible. There were 114 Centers eligible and 113 of them applied. 83 requested observations. 20 programs asked to be rated with the temporary framework; Foundation of Quality or Building Quality. OCC is pleased to say they will be able to open CCQS to the rest of the community sooner than originally anticipated. Family Child Care is open until the end of December 2021 and 37 Family Child Care Providers have applied so far. OCC is getting ready to start another round of Peer Learning Community Support Family Child Care. CACs have started conducting informational meetings. In order to apply Providers will have to attend one of those meetings. Three more meetings are scheduled in the next couple of weeks. PLCs have ended for centers and family providers. Anchors have, and will continue to test on ERSI; ECERS, ITERS, and FCCERS. |

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<th>State Plan Update</th>
<th>a. Ms. Stockham Mejia indicated the 2022-2024 State Plan was submitted on 7/31/2021 and is pending approval with the federal Office of Child Care. It will go into effect October 1, 2021. The draft is posted on the website; <a href="https://jobs.utah.gov/occ/plans.html">https://jobs.utah.gov/occ/plans.html</a>.</th>
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<td>i. Some changes implemented on or before October 1, 2021: Developmental screenings through Help Me Grow Utah have extended their hours from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm to provide additional parent support and to improve services to families that need support outside of regular business hours. The TEACH program is using federal dollars to increase support and expand capacity. Increasing infant rate to 80 percent of the new market rate study and increasing the subsidy rate to 75 percent for other age groups. OCC is covering the cost of licensing fees and fingerprint fees in addition to the background check fees. Monitoring reports that will be posted online will include areas of compliance and non-compliance</td>
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### Professional Development Update

**a.** Heather Thomas explained OCC has been working on increasing eligibility and amounts of some current scholarships. The CDA scholarship is already open to people who work at least 15 hours in any early childhood setting, opening other scholarships to all DWS eligible programs rather than just licensed centers and family child care providers, increasing partial scholarships that are covering some costs to cover the full amounts for those different credentials.

**b.** Annual online training memberships will be launched at the end of July 2021, and will offer continuing education units which are all career ladder approved, and is open to all Utah Early Childhood Providers as long as they create an account in the CAC website.

**c.** Professional Development Incentive COVID-19 Relief Bonus of $250 will be added on top of each of the normal incentive amounts. Anyone who earns a new career ladder level and qualifies for the eligibility to earn a PDI will get this bonus.

**d.** Conference Registration scholarships will offer up to $500 reimbursement for people who are interested in attending Early Childhood Conferences.

**e.** In conjunction with UAEC, expanding their contract to have 30 additional spots for associate degree scholarship and a bachelor degree model for at least 20 spots for bachelor degree with priority going to those that have previously graduated from the associate program.

**f.** College degree scholarship will provide reimbursement of up to $3500/semester for someone working towards degree that would count on career ladder and have declared that as their major.

**g.** Non-Matriculated College Course scholarship reimbursement of up to $750 after completing a career ladder approved course for people not working towards a specific degree.

### Agency Updates

**a.** Simon Bolivar (Child Care Licensing) indicated OCC is covering the cost of licensing with the CARES Act funds.

- **i.** New and renewal license and residential certificate fees ($62.00)
- **ii.** New center application fee ($200.00)
- **iii.** Center per child fee ($1.75 per child)
- **iv.** Background check ($20.00) and fingerprint processing ($32.25) fees

*Penalty fees are not covered (late renewal, additional inspection, conditional monitoring inspection, and CMP fees)*

- **v.** There is additional funding for lead testing and remediation and for COVID-19 and licensing compliance and also money being used for the enhancement of the database since it is not 8 years old.

**b.** Jared Lisonbee provided USBE updates.

- **i.** The Early Learning Standards Strategies and Activities have been translated into Spanish and will be available soon on the UEN Preschool Pioneer website.
ii. CANVAS Professional Learning courses are available for private providers.
iii. USBE Preschool Survey (survey link: [https://usbe.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_StBTuoTl3WJIi5o](https://usbe.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_StBTuoTl3WJIi5o))
iv. Programs wanting to participate in submitting fall PEEP Entry scores in the USBE Data Gateway should follow the guidelines listed in the PEEP Administrator Data Gateway Guidance document: [https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/739291.pdf](https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/739291.pdf) to set up access.

| Other Business | a. Katie Ricord stated that the Utah Early Childhood Conference is March 4-5, 2022 at Weber State and will also be held virtually. More details to come.  
|  | b. Anna Thomas inquired about the OCC Membership terms. Rebecca Banner explained the boards and commission website was updated and OCC is reviewing the membership terms currently and will provide an update of memberships that have expired and process to get new members. Those interested should email information to Rebecca Banner rbanner@uthah.gov or Montana Meyers mmeyers@utah.gov.  
|  | c. UPCCA fall retreat will be held on November 12-13, 2021 with an all-day retreat in Park City.  
|  | d. Kelly Riding from UAN said the annual jumpstart conference will be held in-person on November 5-6, 2021 at the Ogden Eccles Center. Keynote speaker will be livestreamed, but the rest will be in-person. Ms. Riding is leaving UAN at the end of July 2021.  
|  | e. More information about the TEACH scholarships can obtained by emailing teach@uaeyc.org  

| Adjournment | Upcoming Meeting:  
|  | Wednesday, September 8, 2021 ~ 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm  