



Division of Child Care and Development

Child Care Advisory Council

September 19, 2012

Lazarus A601 12:15pm-2:45pm

Check In (Introductions, Minutes, Sign in)

Chris Humphrey, Co-Chair

- Phone Alesha Washington, Julie stone, Sandy Foster, Karen Lampe, Renee Saam, Tracy Bope, Katrina Bush, David Smith.
- Motion to approve August minutes; minutes approved as written.

Committee Reports

Julie Piazza-King, Not for Profit

Elaine Ward, Community Professional

- I.T. Committee (*See Powerpoint*)
 - Update on the ELCG I.T. projects.
 - Child Link, Project 10, business requirements are being collected.
 - Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) Re-engineering, Project 11, is currently in used case process to review the SUTQ system and provider portal.
 - Child Assessment System, Project 12, work has begun with Maryland and John Hopkins around Professional Development and Technical Assistance.
 - Auto copay will be released in November.
 - A special payment will be made to correct the issue during the week of August 12th- August 19th that resulted from children being switched prematurely to school age.
 - RFC's were submitted to Xerox and JFS expects to hear from Xerox in October.
 - JFS can discuss with the vendor a possible system change for school age children on no school days.
 - Continuous Licensing and SOLAR release:
 - The September 2011 rule change implemented no more renewals.
 - Change of location became an amendment rather than an initial license due to the system change.
 - BCII linkage occurred to receive background checks electronically.
 - The rule and system changes were implemented to streamline the process.
 - JFS would like to maximize programs' licensed capacity to create more flexibility; rule change regarding staffing and capacity. Providers will create the request within SOLAR and it will be completed by JFS electronically for a quick approval and turnaround time.
 - Facility Profile: All of the information providers enter will be populated into the search. 'Age of children needing care' is new due to no longer needing age categories. The provider can click on all 7 accreditations when keying into SOLAR; the website display will be slightly different based on qualifications.

- Upon review of previous CCAC annual reports, they appeared more as a reflection of the Child Care Division's work not a reflection of the CCAC. The goal of CCAC is to guide the Division and input received does not always reflect the members.
- Summaries were created based on CCAC annual topics and comments and a minimum of four CCAC volunteers should be open to create a draft for the annual report before October's meeting.
- Organization of the annual report:
 - Most of the discussion within CCAC is open discussion and include guests; there were not many motions made last year.
 - CCAC should consider how we can pull the committee representation vs. guest comments. The report should consist of a history of what the membership has recommended.
 - The work from both the Policy & I.T. committee should be reflected.
 - How much do we ensure that each member agrees with suggestions? How do we document this? Each members name is attached to the annual report. CCAC must capture how a member may disagree with what a guests states.
 - Organization can begin by stating a key conversation and then recommendations.
 - We may need to be more intentional regarding what the smaller committees bring forward. A vote should be made within the small committees, not large CCAC.
 - CCAC voting members should attend the small committee meetings; attendance should be revisited.
 - The challenge for the large group is the recent CCAC evolution. The two small committees are new yet the practice of the large group has not changed. CCAC wants it both ways because we like the conversation yet the clarification should be made regarding the work of the members.
 - CCAC members should sit down together to achieve the goals and capture the work of the membership.
 - Chairs should bring certain topics to CCAC that JFS is seeking advice on. An ad hoc committee should be created to make the recommendations to the whole group.
 - A phone conference between now and November should occur to discuss the structure moving forward:
 - CCAC Annual report volunteers: Teri Brannum, Chris Humphrey, Louanna Leonard.
 - CCAC Structure: Julie Piazza-King, Amy Story, Elaine Ward, Chris Humphrey, Paula Selway.
 - An email will be sent to obtain additional volunteers for both groups.

Division Updates/Discussion

Alicia Leatherman, DCC

- The 90 day re run reflects that at the end of May, JFS is at 100%; keep in mind June was not a full month due to the OAKS shut down.
 - Administrative decisions, such as county invoices, made the budget more than projected.
 - Leadership and the department are tracking expenditures and are comfortable FY13 will balance out at the end of year.
- An email was sent to county directors on 9/17/12 providing updates regarding child care data. The email noted the number of families showing 0% income yet assigned to a work code being much higher than anticipated and an increase in the number of families from 150-200% of poverty. This information verifies if it is due to income growth vs.

eligibility determined incorrectly or data entry issues. Also, school age authorizations and use of school age care was high in FT rate than previously; the majority was paid school age reimbursement during school hours. JFS can review types of hours utilizing care.

- ODJFS will be conducting desk reviews, pulling data and records while contacting families. As we gather information (such as changed contact information, different employer or no longer employed) counties will be notified and expected to follow up and manage the case. At the end of the two weeks, JFS will begin conversations around policy issues causing these challenges (categories of authorization vs. number of hours).
 - JFS is aware there are families in the categories for a reason yet trends that are not trends of the past must be reviewed. Different school districts are taken into consideration.
- A survey will be sent to counties to review policies; directors were emailed a copy.
- The monthly video conferences will now be used as a broader communication tool with county partners.
- OSU is wrapping up gathering the data for the Market Rate Survey. JFS does not expect first glance until early October; CCAC will not see results until November.
- Please view the Ohio.gov website for a variety of ODJFS positions available.
- Program Integrity will be meeting with the Attorney General's office and the Department of Safety so when an investigation of criminal intent or nature is completed the appropriate process can be created.
- The Board of Education's intent is to approve the Birth-K Standards at the October and the standards will then go to the full board for adoption. The plan is to have the PD approval as close to the timing of the standards. The Governor's office has asked to explore instate resources and opportunities for PD. The current plan once the standards are released is to distribute a timeline for PD to the field.
- The SUTQ Program Standards will be posted for public comment on the BUILD Ohio website within the next few weeks.

Union Updates

Sean Grayson, AFSCME

- Michael Batchelder will be the new state representative.
- AFSCME continues to work on the Child Care provider conference for a one stop training and seminar opportunity; if the conference is successful it will be complete each year.

Check Out

Chris Humphrey, Co-Chair

- **Next meeting: October 17, 2012.**