

*Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
Office for Children and Families
EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes*

To: Directors, Public Children Services Agencies
Members, OCF Adult Protective Services and Child Care Committee
Loretta Adams, Executive Director, OJFSDA
Fred Williams, Assistant Director, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
Rick Smith, Office for Children and Families, ODJFS

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Subject: APS/Child Care Executive Leadership Committee Meeting Notes from January 3, 2006.

Date: January 17, 2005

I. Welcome and General Comments

Rick Smith, OCF Deputy Director and Loretta Adams, OJFSDA welcomed the committee members and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The following individuals were in attendance:

Loretta Adams	Rose Handon
Michelle Albast	Arnell Hurt
Martha Arter	Cara Pasqualone Lee
David Bastian	Leslie McGee
Tracy Bope	Matthew Murray
Shelly Boyd	Mona Reilly
Michelle Burk	Stephanie Shafer
Jessie Cannon	Rick Smith
Eileen Dray Barton	Sue Steingass

II. Purpose and Parameters:

The full OCF ELC committee has focused on child welfare pushing adult protective services and child care aside, which is why this group has been formed. The membership is a mix of people who can address these issues. The focus will be the implementation and practice of state policies. Although there is also a Child Care Advisory Committee, this group will focus more on the county side of child care. The meetings will include some presentations, but the focus will be on dialogue.

III. School Readiness:

Jessie Cannon, Assistant Director of the School Readiness Solutions Group, provided an overview of the School Readiness Solutions Group, which is charged with designing an early education system for all children from birth to

kindergarten. The design plan will address quality, access for all Ohio children, family and community supports, and strategic investments. There are six working groups:

- Quality early learning settings
- Professional and workforce development
- Governance and accountability
- Financing
- Involved families and informed public
- Linkages and coordination with related systems.

The group began meeting in June 2005 and recommendations are due in June 2006. The recommendation will include implementation and action plans to bring the recommendations to fruition by 2015.

Jessie requested feedback from the group on the financing and governance pieces.

More information on the SRSG can be found at www.schoolreadiness.ohio.gov.

IV. APS overview

OCF had 4 APS initiatives in '05:

- APS Fact Sheet (distributed).
- Automated reporting system (database) to report abuse went live on July 1, 2005.
- OHSTS has conducted APS trainings
- Implementation of Elder Abuse Task Force Recommendations. Two of the recommendations are being implemented now – the MOU requirement is in legislation currently being drafted; and the Elder Abuse Awareness Campaign was launched in collaboration with Verizon Wireless.

The first quarterly reports due after the launch of the database included data from 69 of the 88 counties. It is expected that after TA and trainings, the response rate will increase. The second quarter report will be discussed at the next ELC meeting. Judge Swift (Trumbull County) will be invited to discuss guardianship issues.

V. ELI

The Early Learning Initiative currently has approximately 6600 children authorized into the program. Recent changes to the program include expanding eligibility to children receiving child-only cash assistance and to children with one parent working at least one hour each week. Two targeted mailings were sent in December, 2005. A flier was sent to over 10,500 3, 4 and 5 year old children in Ohio receiving child-only cash assistance highlighting their new eligibility for ELI. All January 2006 OWF checks included a stuffer highlighting ELI.

VI. Child Care Market Rate

The Market Rate survey is a requirement of the Federal Child Care Development Fund. The last survey was completed in SFY 2005. OCF is planning the next survey for this state fiscal year, and after the SFY 2006 survey, the process will be repeated every 2 years.

The SFY 06 survey tool is in development and will be tested throughout January 2006 and released in February. The survey will be gathering rate data for March 2006. OCF expects to have preliminary data in June and final numbers ready by September 2006. The research team from Ohio State University will be invited to the next meeting to discuss the SFY 06 Survey.

VII. AFSME Public Info Request

AFSME has contacted several counties as well as OJFSDA and the County Commissioners Association in their attempts to unionize family child care providers. At least 26 counties have received public information requests. This issue will be discussed further at the next ELC meeting.

VIII. Child Care Business Case Justification

A draft of the plan was disseminated. A review of the current 3299/CCIDs system returned a number of issues related to:

- Data integrity
- Inconsistent program implementation/interpretation
- Limited system integration
- System technology restrictions.

Once the justification is finalized, an invitation for proposals will be released (similar to the CRIS-E process). All child care eligibility will be located in the revamped CRIS-E system, all other child care related functions will be in the new system. The system will be designed to allow roll-out in modules rather than all at once.

The draft plan will be discussed in detail at the next ELC meeting.

IX. Next Meeting Date, Time, Location & Agenda

Items for next agenda:

- APS report
- Market Rate survey and review with OSU
- Judge Swift will be invited to discuss guardianship issues.
- Review of the Child Care Business Case Justification

**Next Meeting: February 7, 2006
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
255 East Main Street, 3rd Floor Video Conference Rm.
Columbus, Ohio.**

Meeting adjourned 2:35 p.m.