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Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)

Meeting Agenda

Aug. 3, 2019, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Strong Start: 1371 Harvard St., NW
Washington, DC 20009

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (April 25, 2019)

III. Meeting Business

- a. Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)
 - Review actions from last meeting
 - Membership
 - Parent café ideas
 - Parent feedback: My Child Care DC (Capital Quality profile)
- b. Agency Updates
 - DC Early Intervention Program (DC EIP)
 - Updates on play groups
 - Quarterly data reports
 - State Part C
 - Determination from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)
 - Ages and Stages Questionnaires (ASQ) initiative with DC Health
 - Partner agencies
 - Agency responsible for child care
 - AmeriHealth
 - Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA)
 - Department of Behavioral Health (DBH)
 - Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking (DISB)
 - Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF)
 - United Planning Organization (UPO)
 - Office of the Coordination of Education of Homeless Children and Youth

IV. Committee Business

- a. Date for 2019 ICC retreat
- b. Flyer review
- c. Online platforms: Live Binders, SLACK

V. Public Comment

VI. Adjourn



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**District of Columbia Interagency Coordinating Council (DC ICC)
Meeting Minutes**

Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
1371 Harvard St. NW, Pepco Room, Washington, DC 20009

Members in Attendance:

- Quiana Mitchem (Provider)
- Cynthia McEwen (Parent)
- Toby Long (Higher Education)
- Amy Cullen (Provider)
- Nicole Lee-Mwandha (Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) Representative on Homeless Populations)
- Judith Curry (Parent)
- Michele Gerstein (Parent)
- Colleen Sonosky (Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF))
- Lavdena Orr (Managed Care Organization (MCO) Representative) via phone
- Royace Hagler (United Planning Organization (UPO) – Early Head Start)

Members not in Attendance:

- Denise Ballard (Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA))
- Elizabeth Groginsky (OSSE)
- Howard Liebers (Private Insurance)
- Sharon Dietsche (Department of Behavioral Health (DBH))

OSSE Support Personnel:

Melanie Newkirk (DC ICC Liaison), Allan Phillips (Special Assistant Part C), Sandra Smith (Strong Start Program Manager), Rosalia Villalta (Supervisory Early Intervention Specialist), Kathryn Lynch-Morin (Community Relations Specialist)

Call to Order:

- A. The Chairperson, Michele Gerstein, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Open Issues:

- A. The Chairperson noted the previous minutes for the meeting in April will be reviewed at the next meeting which will be in October.
- B. Royace Hagler discussed the parent cafés and noted that self-care is always a major component. The most recent parent café was on Jan. 31, 2019 and the topic was exploring resources and services for families with children with special needs. She recommended that parent cafés be led by parents to help break down barriers to parents accessing services. She noted that within some communities there is fear that accessing services may result in negative consequences such as being referred to CFSA. Michele noted that it might be ideal to host the next parent café in wards 7 or 8 with an emphasis on the transition to school. This opened up a broader

discussion about the differences between services and the flexibility afforded by the Strong Start program (Part C) and how this changes when children transition to DC Public Schools (Part B) and the impact on families.

- C. The Chairperson reviewed the action items from the April 2019 ICC meeting.
 - 1. Establishing a Strong Start parent newsletter – Discussion was had on who the target audience is. Michele clarified that it is for Strong Start families, but would be disseminated more widely to bring more awareness to Strong Start.
 - 2. Call in option was used for today’s session to allow member attendance by phone and was successful and will be an ongoing option.
 - 3. Allan Phillips (Special Assistant Part C) noted that the Bainum Family Foundation is willing to help the ICC to establish a parent café program.
 - 4. A template flyer was presented to advertise ICC meetings to the Strong Start community.
- D. The Chairperson presented new data on ICC membership vacancies.
 - 1. Current openings include two provider openings, two parent vacancies, one DC Council representative (Akeem Anderson - being vetted), one State Education Agency (SEA) – preschool services.
 - 2. Janae Washington from Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) has been assigned to work directly with Allan Phillips to fill vacancies on the ICC.

Meeting Business:

- A. Kathryn Lynch-Morin (Community Relations Specialist) presented on the My Child Care DC website.
 - 1. Kathryn provided information on updates on the website and noted that the provider profiles are being updated to include more information.
 - 2. Kathryn noted that any provider accepting subsidies or enrolled in Capital Quality is assigned a quality facilitator to help improve quality.
 - 3. Kathryn asked for input on information that would be helpful to be included on the websites for families seeking child care. Input included:
 - a. Application process;
 - b. Typical waitlist times – availability;
 - c. Cost information;
 - d. Link to website for child care locations;
 - e. More options for distance willing to travel;
 - f. Providing information on family rights and sending children to [child care] that may have special needs and who to contact if there is a concern;
 - g. Minimum requirements that all [child care] must be provided;
 - h. Including search options for [child care] that offer extra services such as nursing and therapy;
 - i. Definitions for search options – Noted that under “Type of Care” some of the listed options are not readily understandable; and
 - j. Requested assistance in getting families to engage with the survey for the Preschool Development Grant, Birth to Five (PDG B-5).
 - 4. As part of the PDG B-5, there will be a conference on Dec. 6, 2019, the DC Early Childhood Summit. Attendance is free for [child care] providers, counselors, teachers

and anyone serving the birth to 5 population. Trauma-informed care will be a focus of the event.

B. DC Early Intervention Program (DC EIP) Quarterly Updates

1. Sandra Smith (Program Manager of Early Intervention) provided program updates.
 - a. Program is continuing to see significant growth in referrals. There are now 1,303 children in the program as of June 2019.
 - b. The 25 percent delay criteria have brought in 301 children that would not have been served previously.
 - c. There are currently seven playgroup locations. Two additional library branches have been identified to serve as host sites: Woodridge Library and Benning Dorothy I. Heights Library. There have been 144 individual families served in playgroups since March 2019.
2. Allan Phillips (Special Assistant, Part C)
 - a. The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) reviews all states on implementation of Part C annually. This year, 27 met requirements and 29 did not meet requirements.
 - b. OSEP leadership conference – OSEP is considering changing how scores are given for determinations. They will put information up for public comment regarding the change.
 - c. OSSE is partnering with DC Health to have an online developmental screening using the Ages and Stages Questionnaire. This will include child development centers that are required to screen all children within 45 days of a child being enrolled in their center. The hope is this will also eliminate duplicate screenings. There will be approximately 40 pilot child care centers starting in October 2019. This will eventually be a city-wide effort.
3. Dr. Orr (AmeriHealth)
 - a. Now using Lyft to pick up members for appointments. Have expanded support for families experiencing a major health need or delay.
4. Colleen Sonosky (DHCF)
 - a. There will be a meeting for service coordinators this week to provide information about the Katie Beckett Waiver. Amy asked for training to be provided to Strong Start early interventionists. Toby asked about it being turned into a webinar. Quiana requested the power points to be disseminated to the ICC after the training.
 - b. Maternal and Infant Health Summit – Sept. 10
5. Royace Hagler (UPO)
 - a. UPO received a continued Bainum Family Foundation grant to continue parent cafes.
 - b. UPO will be introducing more music and movement including parents to help show how it can help with self-regulation and language development.
 - c. UPO will be focusing on social and emotional development as they saw that was an area of need based on data collected.
 - d. Provided information on how centers identified as early head start are able to allow in families over income if they have a known delay.
6. Nicole Lee-Mwandha (SEA – Homeless Education Program)

- a. Conference Nov. 2-5, National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth. Being hosted in DC. Anticipate 1,700 participants. Looking for partners to support the event by helping decorate placemats. Looking for art made by children and youth to serve as table centerpieces. Also looking for volunteers for support at the conference.

C. Announcements

- 1. Retreat date is set for Nov. 16, 2019. Timing and location are to be determined.
- 2. A call was put out for parent members of the ICC to take over the role and duties of the secretary.
- 3. Next quarterly meeting will be 12-2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2019. The meeting will be held at OSSE, 1050 First St. NE. Telephone conference access will be provided.

Michele Gerstein motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

Chair Signature

Date