

**Childhood Care and Education Coordinating Council**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**February 5, 2009**

**People Present:** Mark Anderson, Terry Butler, Kim Cardona, Barbara Christianson, Darcy Curtis-Long, Lorine Day-Reynolds, Pam Deardorff, Pam Dunn, Pam Everitt, Merrily Haas, Kitty Lake, Donna Lewelling, Nancy Lowry, Heidi McGowan, Tom Olsen, Dianna Pickett, Janet Price, Rhonda Prodzinski, Dennis Reynolds, Sonja Svenson, Shannon Vandehey, Bobbie Weber.

**Parent Voice:** Mark reported on activities related to One Voice, which includes parents and providers. Currently planning a lobby day at NACCRRRA National Policy Symposium in Washington DC, mid-March.

**Prioritize and Discuss Legislation**

**DHS** – Rhonda Prodzinski – DHS is presenting their agency overview to the Ways and Means Committee the week of February 16; there may be an opportunity for public testimony. Rhonda will keep us posted as more details become available. Mark will work with Once Voice to develop talking points and Dawn will send out to all CCECC members.

**CCD** – Tom Olsen share the follow House Bills which the Child Care Division is proposing.

- HB2207 – renames the Criminal History Registry
- HB2206 – If CCD revokes or suspends a provider license, they will not be able to provide care even if exempt.
- HB2205 – Gives CCD authority to impose penalties on certified facilities; currently the division only has authority to impose penalties on registered facilities.

**Commission for Child Care** - Carrying legislation forward to create a clearinghouse for a criminal history check along with a bill to require school age exempt facilities to be tracked (not licensed) by the Child Care Division. School age exempt facilities would also be required to perform criminal history background checks on all employees and volunteers and notify parents that the facility is not licensed by the state.

**DHS/Office of Family Health** – There is legislation around a bill requiring private insurance to pay for hearing aids for children along with a bill making it illegal to smoke in a moving vehicle when children are present.

**One Voice** - Merrily handed out the One Voice legislative agenda along with endorsement forms.

**Oregon Student Association** - Still looking to add some carry forward dollars for student assistance for child care. Question again arose on the availability of CCDF to support student child care needs. The main barrier is that OSAC provides child care funding directly to the parent, not the provider. Eligibility for funding is not based on need and CCDF funding has eligibility requirements and a rate structure for payment.

**Federal Stimulus package** will bring money into Oregon for both Head Start and Child Care Subsidy/Quality funding. House version is to increase the number of children using subsidy and the Senate bill adds quality funding with targeted infant/toddler dollars.

### **Prioritizing Recommendations from the Inventory Project**

Used the feedback to prioritize the recommendations and assign possible work groups to move the recommendations forward. The group reviewed the recommendations and provided feedback. Updated Inventory recommendations and PATT outcomes will be sent out with the February 5, 2009 CCECC Meeting Summary.

### **Update on State Plan**

The 2010-11 CCDF State Plan will include Progress and Accountability Tracking Tool (PATT) outcomes to ensure child care partners are moving forward to address system issues. Sonja shared sections of the CCDF State Plan for which partners are responsible to review and update. She also explained how the PATT has been added to show where the gaps are being addressed.

A question was asked how the target population's ties with assistance to college students for child care. The discussion around the problem with CCDF dollars going to student populations but the current program does not meet CCDF guidelines. There are two items that have to occur to be potential eligible for CCDF targeted population funds, 1) has to be some sort of criteria for income eligibility and 2) the payment has to go to the child care provider.

### **Announced Review Visit**

Ten years ago the Child Care Division began biennial inspections of Registered Family Child Care facilities. Beginning January 1, 2009, Licensing Specialists are now providing mid-biennium registration visits to provide technical assistance, called Annual Review Visits. The ARVs focus on activities providers can do with children and provide information on CCR&R services, training information, build relationships, and other assistance the provider may need. Licensing Specialists will be required to report any obvious violations. The ARVs will also allow the Child Care Division to determine if a provider is still providing care, which will be documented in CCRIS. Next steps, discussions on how to add this information to the Child Care Overview.

### **Updates from Committees:**

**Training and Quality:** Shared the professional develop concept paper and a work group was developed to explore the 'model facilities' aspect of the EQUIP concept paper. Sonja also shared her two page document on system accountability which is still in draft form.

**Supply:** Dawn will be sharing the concept paper with CCR&Rs and local Commissions on Children and Families. The committee will also be looking at the PATT to determine which aspects the Supply Committee can include in their work plan.

**Health Links:** The Health Matters group of Partners for Children and Families is working together to look at a model to expand Health and Mental Health statewide.

**Inclusive Child Care:** No updates beyond the Inventory Project recommendations and the program self-evaluation.

**Child Care Contribution Tax Credit:** Ended the 2009 calendar year by receiving the maximum allocated tax credit contributions of \$666,667. The Tax Credit Advisory Group is looking at where the overall program is headed and begin to prepare for the 2011-2013 legislative session.

**Child Care Research Partnership:** Just began a study on the Impact of Subsidy and parental choices of child care. Ellen Scott from U or O will be interviewing 40 parents who participated in the subsidy program both before and after the October 1, 2008 policy change. This will help guide the more extensive phone survey NPC will conduct of 500 parents who participated in the subsidy program under both sets of policies. Are hoping to learn how the change in ERDC policy affected parent child care decisions. For a third study, the CCRP is looking for funding to use administrative data and the findings from the parent study. Will be receiving the Oregon Population Survey and begin work on community profiles and the supply benchmark this Spring.

### **Updates from Partners:**

**DHS: ERDC and FS Program Alignment** – Updated 01/14/09

Several forms, rules and policies have been revised to simplify processes and align policy.

#### **Completed 1/01/09:**

- ERDC income budgeting policy was revised to align with the FS program.
- ERDC policy now requires past 30 days of income verification, the same as FS.
- Replaced references to “periodic review” with “reapplication.”
- Developed PowerPoint “ERDC - Making It Easy” for self-paced training.

#### **To Be Implemented 4/1/09:**

Next step for program alignment is to allow FS cases with companion ERDC to be in Simplified Reporting System (SRS).

#### **Reporting Systems and Eligibility Periods:**

- Continue using APR for cases with short-term child care need, unstable income, ERDC with no companion FS case or if the companion FS case is in TBA.
- Companion FS/ERDC cases that are certified at the same time will be placed in SRS and certified for a 12-month period. During the 6<sup>th</sup> month of the certification period, the client must submit a completed *Interim Change Report* (DHS 852) to receive FS/ERDC benefits in the 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> month.
- ERDC will have flexibility in establishing lengths of APR certification periods from 1 to 12 months to align cert end dates with the existing open FS cases.

#### **Outcomes:**

- *Require less income verification and reporting requirements*
- *Simplified income calculation methods*
- *More information is gathered up front so less follow up is needed with the client*
- *Longer certification periods mean less paperwork for both clients and staff*

Looking at some changes with the criminal history process and will provide updates at the next meeting.

**Oregon Commission for Child Care:** At the 2009 Strategic Planning meeting, looked at past priorities and identified where movement had occurred and determine current high level child care issues.

Priorities include: 1) support the Professional Development Concept, 2) support maintaining last legislative gains to the ERDC program, 3) explore how the economy is affecting families, children and child care providers, and 4) how to leverage funding to support assistance to families. Commission will keep on the radar how to provide compensation for providers and ways to increase infant/toddler slots.

**Center for Career Development/PSU:** Currently working on updates to the Oregon Registry Steps document, developing directors and infant/toddler credentials, updating Child Care Health and Safety curriculum, developing a family child care business curriculum, and Social/Emotional Development for School age provider's curriculum. Have started discussions with Oregon Community Foundation to expand the Directors Certificate for Certified Family Child Care providers.

**CCR&R Network:** Have executed a contract with a social market consultant to work with the local CCR&Rs to develop a 'brand promise' for the CCR&R system. The Network is also preparing to attend the NACCRA Policy Symposium. Funds are being used to send a parent to NACCRA to visit legislators and deliver a message of what child care providers need to build the future workforce. Have trained approximately 700 family, friends and neighbors providers of which 45 percent are now earning the Enhanced Subsidy Rate.

**OAEYC:** The next OAEYC Spring Conference is April 25<sup>th</sup> at Lane Community College. The Grand Articulation Summit is occurring in conjunction with the conference on April 24. Currently all but one community college is offering articulation of a Step 7 or higher on the Oregon Registry for college credit. Christyn Dundorf's "Growing the Profession" project is going well and will offer Set III training to over 200 providers in the next year.

**OregonASK:** The C.S. Mott Foundation meeting in Florida focused on how to link the school day with after school program, provided breakout sessions for after school funding, and how to create a matrix for each state on where school age children are receiving care. OregonASK is applying for a Supporting Student Success grant of \$50,000 which will link after school programs to the Child and Adult Care Food Program through the efforts of the Governor's Hunger Relief Task Force. The grant will also assist OregonASK in the development of a policy agenda for the 2011-13 legislative session.

**Next Meeting:** April 2, 2009; Roth's West Salem, Santiam Room; 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.