

# Oregon Child Care Research Partnership

February 4, 2009

9:30 am to 12:00 noon

Present: Bobbie Weber, Kathy Seubert, Kim Cardona, Becky Vorpapel, Diana Kruse, Mark Anderson, Dawn Norris, Peggy Cain, Robi Henifin, Shannon Williams, Sonia Worcel , Beth Green (by phone)

## I. Subsidy uses by type of care at child level rather than facility level: Before and after subsidy policy changes

The purpose of this report is to answer the question, does it appear that subsidy policy changes in 2007 are associated with a shift in type of care that families choose to purchase with subsidy. At this meeting the question was raised, should this data be just be ERDC or should it be all subsidy programs? After discussion it was decided to use ERDC only, and to watch for changes in type of care used over time.

There was discussion about the types of care to use in the report, and how to break it down in a meaningful way. Some thinking needs to be done about those categories. Relative in-home care and relative not-in-home care should be differentiated.

Also, a decision needs to be made on whether this report is pulled monthly or quarterly.

## II. New Subsidy Study —

Bobbie presented two methods for pulling the sample, option 1 and option 2. She explained how the samples were obtained, using two different sets of parents. Option 1 parents were pulled from a group of parents who were using subsidy as of Sept 2008 and also October 2007, then also on for July, Aug, Sept 2007, then narrowing the group. Option 2 parents were pulled from those on subsidy for Sept 2008 and Sept 2007. Group 1 is more stable, larger and yet not as typical, Group 2 is much less stable but more typical. There was discussion about which option to use. Option 1 was decided on but also look at the cumulative time of 13 months or less, and looking at approximately 20% in each type of care.

- a. Recommendations from Advisory Committee
- b. Description of sample for qualitative study
- c. Issues for telephone survey

## III. Stability of family child care businesses

Discussion of chart of NaccraWare enrolled providers. There was discussion about start date vs. enrolled date (in R&R), as well as left and right censoring.

Concerns noted are: what about providers not enrolled and still doing care? What about certified providers who may have started out as exempt and/or registered? How important is that to the data? Should we pull data quarterly to show change? So this needs more thought and discussion, and may not be practical for right now as so many other things need attention. This is not as time sensitive as other issues. Put on hold for this current time.

#### IV. Oregon Population Survey

Every 2 years since 1990 a household survey of representative households to generalize findings to the state level. Last fall the data was collected and cleaned up, but the data has not been released yet. The benchmark (for provider data, using the 10% benchmark) was released prior to releasing the data.

The estimating supply analysis will be done in mid March after the data is returned to the Network (using data that was pulled as of 12.31.08). Becky does most of the work on this.

Using the benchmark and the supply information, Community Profiles are created. The last version, 2006, was never created. The report needs to be redesigned as well.

It was mentioned that the report should be created and finished soon because the R&Rs and the Commission are big consumers of this report, using it for grant proposals and planning.

- Bobbie and Becky will work out a schedule to get this accomplished.
- Bobbie will work out a conceptual design for the revised county profile.
- Bobbie will do child care usage and affordability analyses.

In place of the introductory paragraph on each county, we could add language about “why this data matters” to put the information into context.

Funding of OPS: Future funding of the Oregon Population Survey is in question. Survey costs have increased due to the increase in cell phone use and contributors to the survey have decreased. OCCRP relies on OPS data for the following:

- a. Affordability Benchmark
- b. Community Profiles
- c. Briefs on changes in child care supply and usage over time (in planning)

#### V. Oregon Child Care Research URL (<http://www.oregonchildcareresearch.org/>)

Currently this website is pretty static with links and descriptions. It was suggested that the website could be changed to allow researchers to upload their own studies and have more user input and interaction, and to allow networking between users. There would need to be some thought as to who would be allowed to log in, such as anyone, researchers, Oregon only (to name a few thoughts). There would need to be more thought about the purpose and outcome of the website.

For the next meeting, committee members should think about and bring a list of any researcher who does child and family research in Oregon.

- a. How to engage more researchers
- b. Next steps

#### VI. Highlights from Roundtable on parental child care decision-making

Bobbie shared information about the Roundtable meeting. Please let her know if you would like meeting notes when they are released.

VII. Updates

- a. Oregon Population Survey
- b. Quality Indicator Project
- c. OCCF Evaluation of Family, friend, and neighbor project
- d. Framework for learning from Oregon program evaluations
- e. Child Care Tax Credit projects evaluation

Next Meeting: Oregon Child Care Research Partnership  
Wednesday March 4, 2009  
9:30 am to 12:00 noon  
Oregon Child Care Resource and Referral Network Office  
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