



Citywide Parent Policy Council (CPPC)

Virtual Full Council Meeting ~ Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvd-CprTwpGdXIRAPPRNJga7iyL78Vg0gG>

Minutes

☐ Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:08 am by Nikki Garrett, CPPC Chairperson.

☐ Roll Call/Establish Quorum

The roll call was conducted by Tosha Smith, DFSS Supervisor. A quorum was established. Eleven (11) voting members establish a quorum.

CPPC Members Present

Dorothea Fitch, Ada S. McKinley
Tabby Ghogha, Albany Park
Laura Gudino, Asian Human Services
Erika Villagomez, Asian Human Services
Raeyonda Sparks, Chicago Child Care Society
Carolina Torres, Chicago Commons
Gardenia Mejia, Christopher House
Cindy Martinez, El Hogar
Kristen Medrano, El Valor
Laura Padilla, Erie Neighborhood House
Mimi Gonzalez, Family Focus

Christy Aliposa, HANA
Angela Toma, Hobby Horse
Nycole Matthews, Howard Area
Nikki Garrett, It Takes A Village
Marco de la Cruz, Kimball Day Care
China Taylor Allen, Marillac
Lizbeth Miranda, Metropolitan Family Services
Cindy Lopez, N&K
Patricia Ellis, Salvation Army
Daniela Gaspar, SGA
Nyesha Fugerson, YMCA
Francisca Bardales, YMCA

Delegate Agency Staff Present

Tataniqua Heard, Serendipity
Shanel Wiley, Henry Booth House
Alissa Viesca, Erie Neighborhood House
Norma Cervantes, Sinai Community Institute
Anita Mitchell, Gads Hill
Angela Brown, Sinai Community Institute
Eva Espana, Gads Hill
Laura Pleasants, YMCA
Eva Rodriguez, Asian Human Services
Sonja Knight, Carole Robertson
Angelica Negrete, Carole Robertson
Azucena Gonzalez, Carole Robertson
Iliana Alban, Albany Park
Denise Gonzalez, El Valor

Aaron Briggs, Serendipity
Jessica Zaragoza, Christopher House
Lavita Atkins, Allison's
Debbie Simpkins, Teddy Bear
Natalie Gonzalez, El Valor
Caprice Ellis, Gads Hill
Francine Chatman, Henry Booth House
Lillian Medina, Casa Central
Lavinia Woolridge, Gads Hill
Toi Robertson, New Pisgah
Nancy Pena, Young Scholars Developmental Institute
Francy Torres, Teddy Bear 1
Devinai Hobbs, NUSH

DFSS Staff Present

Cerathel Burgess Burnett, DFSS Children Services Deputy Commissioner
Thomas Moes, DFSS Program Development Coordinator
Tosha Smith, Supervisor of Children Services
Craig Zemke, Supervisor of Children Services

Charles Hall, DFSS Support Services Coordinator
Marisol Rosa-Rodriguez, DFSS Support Services Coordinator

Consultants

Azella Collins, Professional Registered Parliamentarian
Luz Silva, Translator
Linda McDonald, Dominican University
Kim Pold, Teachstone

☐ Action Items

- The June 1, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

☐ New Business

- DFSS Executive Updates

Presented by Cerathel Burgess-Burnett. The new DFSS Commissioner is Brandi Knazze. She has been appointed and previously served as the First Deputy Commissioner of DFSS.

The Head Start/Early Head Start grant was released to awardees. DFSS was awarded \$51.7 million, previously DFSS' Head Start grant was \$145 million. The new grant resulted in 6 Head Start grantees in Chicago. They are Carole Robertson Center for Learning, Chicago Commons, Easter Seals, Henry Booth House, Start Early, and DFSS. The CPPC was previously sent a letter that explains the grant results and a document of frequently asked questions. DFSS will work with programs that are not funded under the new grant. Some programs may have other funding such as Preschool for All, Prevention Initiative, and/or private donations that may be used in decision-making at programs. Other programs are funded under the other 5 Head Start grantees and will not lose funding. DFSS will work with programs to support children, families, and displaced staff through the transition. Programs are asked to think about serving 3-year-olds when enrolling new families. CPS has focused on enrolling 4-year-olds. Programs can continue to serve 4-year-olds, especially since some parents may need a longer program day to accommodate work and school schedules. An updated FAQ will be released to CPPC members that lists the 14 agencies that are defunded.

- CCUO Report to the CPPC

Presented by Tosha Smith on behalf of Nikki Garrett, CPPC Chair. The meeting was attended by the CCUO Board members and DFSS staff. The agenda consisted of program updates. There were no Head Start-specific action items. The next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2021.

- CPPC Bylaws

Presented by Tosha Smith. The CPPC Executive Committee created the executive committee to review and update the Bylaws to support the CPPC. The executive committee will go through the bylaws to make recommendations to make the work of the CPPC more efficient. After the Executive Committee finalizes the suggested changes, the changes will go before the Council for approval.

- CPPC Recognition

Presented by Tosha Smith.

DFSS recognizes the CPPC members and to show our appreciation of the CPPC. An email was sent out on August 14th and 15th for your pick-up at 4314 South Cottage Grove at the King Center. Those parents who cannot pick up should email Tosha Smith directly.

The remaining agenda items: Unfinished Business, Program Reports, and OHS Communications were postponed without objection to accommodate the Early Learning Workshop and ERSEA training.

☐ Training/Workshops

The Early Childhood Workshop was presented by Eve Townsend and Kim Pold from Teachstone. The following resources were given to parents:

<https://info.teachstone.com/blog/who-needs-toys-use-these-household-items-to-entertain-children>

<https://info.teachstone.com/blog/4-ways-make-learning-count-for-kids-at-home>

<https://info.teachstone.com/blog/cooking-with-your-child-5-ways-to-nourish-more-than-their-bodies>

<https://info.teachstone.com/hubfs/Spanish%20-%20CLASS%20at%20home-1.pdf>

<https://info.teachstone.com/blog-en-esp/qui%C3%A9n-necesita-juguetes-use-estos-art%C3%ADculos-para-el-hogar-para-entretener-a-los-ni%C3%B1os>

The ERSEA training was provided by Craig Zemke, DFSS Supervisor. The training included information on Head Start eligibility, recruitment, selection, enrollment, and attendance requirements.

☐ Open Discussion

ERSEA questions regarding income documentation and guidelines and various funding sources were addressed. Programs do not determine the income guidelines and required documentation; it is determined by the Illinois Department of Human Services to enroll in programs. Specific programs have eligibility requirements, such as income and categorically eligible areas.

☐ Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 pm by Nikki Garrett.