

Indiana Licensed Child Care Director's Advisory Board January 16, 2020 Minutes

Those in attendance (in person or via conference call): Nancy Chew, Janet Couch, Mike Garatoni, Connie Hire, Carol Johnson, Amy Ledbetter, Samantha Mann, Susie Manning, Pam Roadruck Debbie Sampson
(The following people could not connect by phone Debi DeBruyn, Elizabeth Guynn, and Terri Kosik)

The meeting was called to order by Carol Johnson.

Introductions and Announcements:

Introductions were made. There was a 10-minute or so lapse with the secretary on getting connected due to the call-in code changing at the last minute. A plan to correct the phone-in issue will be addressed prior to the next meeting. Sorry for the inconvenience it has caused!

Last quarter's minutes from August were presented and Janet Couch set a motion in place to approve them; Mike Garatoni seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Sarah Mihich-Baker, Director of Data and Research for Indiana Youth Institute Foundation discussed Market rates and how they are determined. This can be a four-year process to complete. Some discussion followed on the various considerations that affect the reimbursement rate, which differs from the market rate. Non-traditional hours, quality ranking, enrollment of children with special needs were considerations presented. (A Power point presentation was attached to the agenda)

Next, Paul Krievins from the Indiana Department of Health discussed a lead Project in the works. Less than 20% of children are getting lead screened. Looking at how to overcome this challenge and possibly involve child care centers. The question is on how to sell the idea to the parents? It is screened through a fingerstick and takes 3 minutes to get results. Preferred ages are from 6 months - 2 years, but they can screen up to age 6. How to market it? Use only one page and word it simple. Superhero band-aids and stickers will help too! The project is due to launch in late February/early March.

There were no announcements.

Update from OECOSL:

Pam Roadruck reported the following licensing consultant positions open: Connie Scott in the southeast and Sherri Backemeyer's in Marion county. There were 746 licensed centers as of December.

I-Lead consents are going on now. The invitation must be sent to each staff member by the director. The invitation link is only good for 3 days! It is recommended that the consultants are told that they were sent, in order to better track them.

In Early Learning Path the new orientation is also good for new staff. It's an overview that can be helpful!

Carol asked if there were any additional comments. Without further discussion the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Next meeting is set for April 16, 2020 at 1:00. Other meeting dates this year are July 16 and October 15.

Submitted by Connie Hire, Secretary January 21, 2020