

Registered Ministry Advisory Group Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2008

In attendance on location:

Melanie Brizzi, Ken Hudson, Gary Rogers, Barbara Whitson, Ken Hudson, Juaneka Ennis, Melisa Peterson, Marsha Goecker

In attendance (via teleconference): Joyce Reed

Meeting was called to order at 1:20

**Minutes from Last Meeting:**

Discussion on last meetings minutes; many had not had opportunity to review. Last meeting's minutes will be sent out with the 10/10 meetings minutes for approval at the next meeting.

**Bylaws:**

Changes will be made to the draft bylaws and sent out electronically for discussion and vote during the January meeting. (Melanie Brizzi)

A CCRR map will be sent out, indicating where current members are located as well as areas of the state that will need additional Registered Ministries invited. Discussion was had regarding the appointments of members by BCC. (Melanie Brizzi)

Vice Chair discussion will be tabled to the next meeting in January.

**Date of 2009 Meeting Schedule:**

Date of meeting: Third Wednesday's of each quarter beginning in January. Meeting will start January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Meeting dates will be January 21, April 15, July 15, October 21.

Moving forward, reminder emails will be sent out the day prior to a scheduled meeting.

**Comments from Past Inspections:**

60% of all RM responds to a post inspection survey.

56% recommend increased regulations for RM

Ken's information gives us a frame of reference for the opinion of RM across the state.

### **Area of Concerns for Registered Child Care Ministries:**

Juaneka Ennis stated the benefit of VCP in improving the quality in RM facilities. How can we improve communication among RM regarding quality standards.

Ken Hudson stated that the majority of parent complaints are a result of lack of supervision and no child:staff ratio.

Discussion was had regarding possible recommendations to the Committee on Child Care regarding possible changes in legislation. The recommendation was made that the discussion continue during the course of the next several meetings with the goal being a draft of recommendations to next interim session's meetings of the Committee on Child Care.

Issues for discussion: supervision, ratios, legal definition of RM, fire code primary use versus child care use, person obtaining RM is involved in the operation of the child care.

For the next meeting Ken Hudson will supply the legal definition of a RM.

Discussion was had about a possible mission statement be drafted and discussed at the January meeting. Mission statement should include that a good majority of RM are operating good quality facilities. Joyce and Marsha agreed to work on a draft of a mission statement for the next meeting.

### **Paths to QUALITY issues**

Melissa asked about the likelihood of including facilities that do not serve food on the Paths to QUALITY program. Melanie answered that the data was being collected on the number of facilities this impacts and that it would be a while before this decision was made.

### **GUEST SPEAKERS-**

Invitations of guest speakers will be tabled knowing that speakers can be invited as the need arises. It was also indicated that there was great value in having RM inspectors present at each meeting. A representative from BCC RM inspectors will be present at each meeting.

A suggestion was made that Ken Hudson develop possible contacts at the IRS to discuss the 501C3 requirements.

### **Postcard Discussion:**

Marsha shared with the group the postcard that the Licensed Homes/Licensed Center Advisory Group has sent out statewide to home and center providers.

A vote at the next meeting will be called regarding the benefit of sending out a similar postcard to all RM providers throughout the state. Discussion was had regarding other

ways to contact RM regarding the committee. It was stated that the delivery format should be customized by the RM advisory group for optimal method of distribution. Marsha will email out the draft of the postcard to members for input and voting during the January meeting.

Discussion among members will be necessary as to the willingness of each member as to the distribution of personal contact information.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45

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