

**Licensed Child Care Center Advisory Board Meeting**  
**April 22, 2010**  
**Minutes - Submitted by Tim Dunnuck**

Present:

- Melanie Brizzi, Pamela Buschkill, Lisa Clifford, Heidi Dowell, Tim Dunnuck, Lori Emmett, Mike Garatoni, Noel Hanson, Kay Hugus (for Tom Rayl), Carol Johnson, Terri Kosik, Jessica Lewis (for Rachelle Mosby), Carol McCrory, Traci Mehay, Marie Pace, Debby Rowan, Mary Jane Scamahorn, Judy Smith, Denise St. Amant (for Sharon Molargik), Gail Stout (for Julie Petrowsky), and Maxine Van Guilder.

General Business:

- Introductions were made around the table and of those on the telephone.
- Minutes from the meeting on January 14, 2010 were approved.

Regulation Discussion:

- Carol Johnson initiated a discussion about the Certified Childcare Professional (CCP) credential and whether it should be accepted by the state and be eligible for TEACH like the CDA is. The CCP is obtained through the National Child Care Association (NCCA). Carol distributed a handout from NCCA that described the CCP process and frequently asked questions. She stated that the CCP is similar to the CDA. It can be obtained online and requires an on-site observation and a credential exam. The CCP credential must be renewed every two years. Melanie proposed that the next step would be for the committee to review the CCP credential at an upcoming meeting.

FSSA:

- Melanie Brizzi spoke about the use of funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). She distributed a chart that provided an overview of the different programs being funded. According to Melanie, funds were allocated through the Child Care and Development Fund block grant. This provided funding for a number of programs including the Child Care Playground Improvement grant, Hoosier Child Care Quality Expansion grant, Infant/Toddler Quality Enhancement grant and the Ministry Improvement Project. The grant also funded 386 scholarships to the recent IAEYC conference and allowed more families to participate in the CCDF program. Oversight for the grant is being done by IACCRR.
- Melanie was asked if criminal history checks for licensed child care centers could be paid for by the state as is done for ministries and homes. Melanie responded that it could not be done at this time.
- CCDF - Linda Kolbus from CCDF was in attendance to answer questions and Melanie discussed a few issues including the CCDF web site usage, notification of re-certifications, the use of the POS, access to payment records, adverse actions and tracking families that have been dropped from the program. She also talked about a potential change in correcting discrepancies from a 60 day to 30 day window. Members shared some of their likes and dislikes about the POS and web site.

Concerns and Questions:

- Nominations for Advisory Board chairperson and secretary are needed for the upcoming two years. Carol Johnson and Marie Pace both self-nominated to share the chair position. A nomination for secretary is still needed. Heidi will send out an e-mail asking for additional nominations. Elections will be held at the June 17th meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.