

Indiana Licensed Child Care Center Advisory Board
September 2, 2010
Minutes

Attending (either in person or by phone): Melanie Brizzi, Pamela Buschkill, Lisa Clifford, Janet Couch, Heidi Dowell, Tim Dunnuck, Lori Emmett, Mike Garatoni, Noel Hanson, Deb Hughes, Carol Johnson, Terri Kosik, Joyce McComiskey, Traci Mehay, Sharon Molargik, Marie Pace, Tom Rayl, Debby Rowan, Mary Jane Scamahorn, Judy Smith, Jessica Lewis, and Gail Stout.
Guest Speaker: Mary Boggs

Meeting called to order by Carol Johnson, Co-Chairperson. Member list was updated as introductions were made. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Marie Pace made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Tim Dunnuck. Motion passed.

Report to the Committee on Child Care was discussed. **September 9, 10am, Senate Chamber.** Carol asked for changes or additions to the current draft. Carrie said that she felt the report was excellent, educational and informative. She would like to see “low income children” changed to “children from lower income”. Noel would like to see more differences of care defined with specific examples. She used ratios as an example: 1:10 for center care compared to 1:30 for unlicensed care. Another suggestion was to create a glossary page or use the state chart that compares the types of care settings. The report should be more educational. Why is licensed care important ~ list reasons. What is best for all children? Melanie mentioned that a one-page report is sufficient with bullet points. Carol and Marie will rework the draft with the above suggestions. The draft will be emailed out again and welcome input. Carol asked if there were any volunteers who would give the report on **September 9**. Noel suggested Carol and Marie should give the report since they are the most familiar with the content. They both agreed to give the report. To find out more about upcoming sessions to to www.in.gov, click on Legislative link on bottom right of page, click on General Assembly.

Update from Bureau: Melanie mentioned that if anyone is interested in the School Age grants through the ARRA, please contact her. <http://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/4099.htm> has a listing of the projects funded through ARRA. The waitlist for CCDF is big and is ever increasing. Nothing new in regulations. There will be a media blitz on October 8 for PTQ. The blitz will included a press conference and releases, bus signs (Marion Co.) and advertisements will also be in Spanish.

Children's Coalition of Indiana

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Founded: 1992

The Children's Coalition of Indiana (CCI) has been a principle advocate for children across the state at all levels of government. CCI, created on the basis of a recommendation of the 1992 Commission on Abused and Neglected Children, helped advocate for the adoption of both the 1992 and 2004 recommendations of that committee. With membership spanning the spectrum of children's services and advocates around the state, CCI has and will continue to speak out for the welfare, education and well-being of our children. CCI focuses on the following issue areas: abuse, neglect and family violence; adoption and foster care; early childhood care and development; economic self-sufficiency; education; financing appropriate child welfare services; physical and mental health; juvenile justice; youth development.

BECOME A MEMBER- CCI depends on member expertise to lend credibility to the group and depends on the membership to participate in identifying, prioritizing and documenting our most pressing issues. More information to come on becoming a member of CCI.

The Coalition will hold a Children's Policy Education Series. The next one is September 10, Noon – 2pm at the United Way Building at 39th and Meridian in Indy. The panel discussion is on quality child care in Indiana and Melanie is on the panel. RSVP lyverne.russell@iauw.org by 9/8. Step Up for Kids will be in October.

MEETING DATES 2010-2011

JANUARY 20

APRIL 21

JUNE 16

SEPTEMBER 1

Respectively Submitted,
Traci Mehay, Secretary