

CHILD CARE HOME ADVISORY MEETING

OCTOBER 23, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lena Burns, Tammy Dunn, Noel Hanson, Ginny Harman, Sabrina Harris, Tamela Hunt, Brenda Kennedy, Rebecca Kenworthy, Latrina Johanning, Coleen Land, Jennifer Quartucci, Stephanie McKinstry, Joey Scherschel, and Maria Wynne.

OTHERS PRESENT: Melanie Brizzi, Melissa Chalman, and Debbie Sampson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ranee Armstrong, Karen Burnside-Strack, Heather Colglazier, Jennifer DeLucio, Tracy Renfro, and Marci Graves.

Meeting was called to order and the minutes of the last meeting were approved. Regina Kinnett, former Chairperson resigned for personal reasons. We nominated a new Chairperson - Tammy Dunn. Everyone agreed that Tammy should be elected. We were introduced to new member Latrina Johanning, who is originally from the Chicago area. We were also notified that Jamie Jones had resigned. The committee was also notified that we are looking for a few more members to fill in some vacant spots on the committee. Any suggestions should be sent to Debbie Sampson.

Melanie gave a summary of the Child Care Committee testimony. We were informed how Joey had testified before the board, and it appeared to spark an interest in the board. Another item on the agenda was discussing complaints received, and oversights. In the last meeting, they toured several child care facilities. We were informed by Melanie that the Child Care Committee meetings can be seen over the internet, and she will send out a link for us to be able to see the next meeting.

Joey brought up a concern about a child in a ministry setting, and how ratios vary in these settings which do not seem in the best interest of the child. Rebecca asked how we go about reporting providers who are not licensed, but are caring for more than 5 children. This sparked a discussion with the results being we should report any concerns to the Bureau and let them handle the legitimacy of the complaint.

The next topic of conversation was the Health and Safety Checklist. It has been determined that providers are lacking on following proper procedures for health and safety, so the mentors, and advisors will be working with providers on the items on the checklist and retraining us to ensure the safety of children. Noel expressed concern about the list. We were informed by Debbie that the standards are not new, just being reinforced, again in the best interest of the child. She said the Bureau is seeking consistency across the board in the health and safety of children. Melanie said she would email the checklist to all of us.

The next topic of discussion was explaining the standard of field trips and clarifying that if the children are on our property, they have to be in a fenced in area.

Stephanie asked about hiring employees for your child care, and workman's comp prices. We were referred to the NAFCC website to acquire some links that might give information on insurance, workman's comp, and liability insurance.

We set up the schedule for next year to be Jan 22, April 23, July 23 and October 22, (2013).

Joey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded.