

Register Ministry Advisory Group
Meeting Minutes
10-23-13
1:00pm

In attendance:
Tracy Marshal
Barbara Genrich
Lisa Clifford
Erin Kissling
Shelia Henderson
Robin Christian
Ruth Mecklan
Ginger Caylor
Melanie Brizzi
Jean Casmir-Hill
Chrissy –from Tipton
Anna – from SIEOC

1. Committee on Childcare Report
 - Representative Wesco is the chair of this committee
 - The Bureau of Childcare gave status of childcare report to committee
 - Advisory committees from licensed centers and homes gave report
 - Barb Newton gave report from registered ministry group
 - 1 preliminary draft was voted on and passed unanimously
 - In the draft; licensed homes and registered ministries would receive access to CHIRP, all CCDF providers / staff members would be required to have 12 clock hours of training annually, clarification was made to CCDF decertification process.
 - Melanie noted that this was the first time a draft has unanimously passed this committee
 - Melanie reports the committee was very productive and progress is being made toward improving quality for children.
 - While discussion about the recognition of the registered ministry advisory group occurred during the committee's meeting and a draft detailing it existed, a vote was not called on the draft.
2. News from FSSA
 - National Criminal History Checks
 - The FBI database did not recognize the registered ministry checks
 - It is unclear if previously submitted prints were rejected or accepted. There is a 50/50 chance either way. Providers who are unsure if their prints were accepted should check with their consultant.
 - If prints were rejected – TCR# will be needed to resubmit. Should not be charged a second time for this case.
 - There is a \$15 remission of the state police's fee. You must enter the RM number to receive this discount. If you paid this fee Cindy Copeland with Morphotrust can help you receive a refund.

- There are 3 fees associated with the check. Morphotrust, ISP, and FBI
- The final cost is around \$25 / person for a registered ministry
- Morphotrust will come to your site if you are fingerprinting 25+ people, in rural areas they require 30+ people.
- Finger prints go to the FBI database. Results go to ISP. BCC has access to view the ISP results.
- Providers only receive a response if there is a “hit” on an individual
- FSSA is currently working to find a solution that would notify providers when an employee’s check is returned and the employee has no “hits”
- IN law states the checks must be through the FBI database
- Applicants are required to have the National background check
- The Committee on Child Care talked about streamlining / simplifying the checks.
- Inform FSSA of problems that are encountered
- Early Learning Advisory Committee (ELAC)
 - The Governor appointed 8 members and 2 advisors.
 - The first meeting will be on 10/31/13 from 12:00-2:30pm and is open to the public,
 - The purpose of the committee is to advise the Governor on early childhood issues.
 - First meeting will address the EC matching grant 12172-3.7. \$2million / year set aside for low income 4 year olds to attend PTQ level 3 or 4 programs.
 - Programs will apply for the grant and issue scholarships to qualifying children who apply to their program
- Race to the Top
 - A Grant from the National DOE and Health and Human Services
 - IN submitted an application for \$43 million over 3 years
 - Any type of program could receive these benefits.
 - Should know sometime in December if IN is awarded the grant
 - A partnership between FSSA, the DOE an Department of Health wrote this grant.
- New Consultants
 - A new consultant was hired for Marion County – Melody McGuire
 - A new consultant should start on 10/28 in Lake County
- VCP sites have increased to 85
- PTQ sites are also increasing
- 3. Caring in Faith Conference
 - November 15-16 in Nashville
 - Friday is geared toward directors, Saturday towards staff members
 - Register by Friday, Nov 1st
 - www.iaccrr.org
- 4. Meeting schedule for next year will be sent out via email.
 - We will also vote on previous minutes via email.