



**In-Person Attendance:** Maureen Weber (Chairwoman), Adam Alson, Kimberly Brooks, Ashleigh Moon

**Attended Via Zoom:** Stacy Atkinson, Madeleine Baker, Rob Moorhead, Sherry Searles and Sam Snideman

**Guest Speakers:** Kim Rule and Tikila Welch

I Call to Order at 10 a.m.

- *In a position to present information only, quorum is not met*

II Approval of the Agenda

III Chair's Report

- Final meeting for several committee members on ELAC
  - Kimberly Brooks, Susan Keough, Mark Chamberlain, Madeline Baker, Rob Moorhead and Sherry Searles
  - Maureen's last meeting as the chair person

IV Discussion Agenda

V OECOSL Financials

- Role of OECOSL
  - Licensing and regulation of child care
  - Administer state and federal child care appropriations – Child Care Development Fund, On My Way Pre K
- Importance of Vouchers (CCDF, OMW)
  - OECOSL
    - Child care providers
      - Aggregate child care supply
    - Child, parents
      - Families
      - Employees
      - Communities
      - Schools
- OECOSL Funding
  - Federal
    - Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) \$284M, FFY25
    - TANF \$62M, FFY25
  - State
    - Early Childhood Learning \$39.4M/yr, SFY26/7



- Pre-K Education \$26M/yr, SFY26/7
- One-time
  - TANF \$133M, SFY25
  - CCDF Hold Harmless \$147.5M, SFY26
- OECOSL Historical Spend
  - OECOSL Total Annual Expenses by SFY
  - Dramatic influx of funding into Child Care
    - 75% increase in the amount of CCDF vouchers since 2021
    - Child care Supply in Indiana has also increased by 20% since 2021
- Historical Child Care Supply
  - Total Regulated Child Care Supply
  - CCDF Voucher Enrollment
- OECOSL Projected Spend: SFY 2026-27 (Where we are and where we want to go)
  - Annual Expenses
    - 2024 annual expense was \$655 million
    - Project 2025's annual expense will be 600 million
    - Project 2026's annual expense will be 523 million
    - Project 2027 annual expense will be 417 million
    - 43% decrease in amount of OECOSL Funding between 2025-2027
  - OECOSL Priorities
    - The state of Indiana does not want to kick kids off of vouchers and we will not and will manage the funding accordingly
    - Fiscal responsibility, restart CCDF voucher enrollment
    - Looking at supply and making an understanding of importance of the investments that have been made in child care system in Indiana's
  - Demand-side
    - CCDF Vouchers-Hold harmless existing voucher holders
    - OMW – Salutory maximum reimbursement rate, state funds only (will decrease this year-estimate 2500 vouchers for that program-due to no federal funds to allocate towards the program)
  - Supply side
    - Regulatory reform
    - Micro facilities auspice
    - Exploring supply-side grant programs
- FSSA Quarterly Financial Review
  - Quarterly public meeting to present financials
  - Next meeting: August 6, 2025, Indiana Govt. Center South, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Auditorium
  - Streamed live via FSSA YouTube site
  - Please come in person! You are welcome!

## VI Family and Subsidy Supports



- Why there are program changes in 2025-26.
  - This year brings important updates to the structure and funding of On My Way Pre-K.
  - These changes reflect state legislative and budget decisions made earlier this year.
  - The goal is to ensure that the program remains a high-quality, sustainable program, focused on serving families with the greatest need.
  - We know these updates may require adjustment, and we're committed to supporting providers and families through this transition
- Key Program Updates for 2025-26
  - Eligibility Changes
    - Household income must be at or below 140% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
    - A parent/guardian must be working, in school, in school, or in job training
    - Job search is no longer a qualifying activity
  - Voucher Scope
    - Only the Pre-K child is eligible for the voucher (siblings no longer included under the same case)
  - Funding and Reimbursement
    - Voucher cap: \$6,800 per year
    - Weekly provider reimbursement: \$147.82
    - OMWPK in state-funded only this year (no CCDF co-funding)
  - Enrollment
    - Capped at 2,500 children statewide, including a portion for Limited Eligibility families
    - Vouchers begin with the Pre-K program start date (typically late July or August)
  - Assessments
    - Providers will use ISPROUT for assessment
- Supporting Families with Submitted Applications
  - Thousands of families have already applied for On My Way Pre-K for the 2025-26 school year
  - Eligibility Offices will begin reviewing and processing those applications next week.
  - Families are being contacted directly to walk through program updates and next steps.
  - A strong majority of submitted applications are still expected to still qualify.
- Provider Support Materials
  - Resources are available to you on the On My Way Pre-K webpage including:
    - Updated program information, forms and resources
    - Provider and family FAQs
    - Eligibility Office maps
- Total Voucher Enrollment and Waitlist

## VII Child Care Licensing

- Micro facilities
  - Woodland Child Development Center – Lake county – capacity/30
  - Bloom by Highland Academy – Vigo county – capacity/30



- El Pescaditio Learning Center – St. Joseph county – capacity/30
- Wee Care Early Learning – Marion county – capacity/30
- Wee Warrior Academy – Kosciusko county – capacity/30
- One opening during the summer
  - All micro-facilities must comply with licensing and fire marshal regulations
- Child Care Licensing
  - Regulatory Reform Update
    - Continued work on revising child care licensing regulations
    - Focus remains on reducing burden while maintaining health and safety
    - Micro facility auspice

## VIII Legislative Updates

- HEA 1272
  - Beginning July 1, 2027
  - Requires ELAC to submit a biennial report to LSA on official actions taken and actional items considered by the board during the previous two years
- SEA 366
  - No later than August 1, 2025
  - Requires ELAC in collaboration with DOE, to access the most effective way to ensure schools have access to OMWPK funding outside of CCDF enrollment and prepare a report.
- SEA 463
  - Expands ELAC from 13-15 members to include two representatives of out-of-school time programs.
    - A representative of an out-of-school time program
    - A representative of an organization with an interest in training individuals in the out-of-school time field and strengthening the out-of-school time field in Indiana Statewide.

## IX Public Comment

- No comments

## X Adjourn at 11 a.m.

### Next Business Meeting:

September 3, 2025

10:00 -12:00 p.m. EST

Indianapolis Government Center South  
402 W. Washington St., Indianapolis IN 46204  
Conference Room 14-Harrison Hall