

Licensed Child Care Home Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Office of Early Childhood Staff Present: Debbie Sampson

Advisory Board Members Present: Sabrina Chase, Noel Hanson, Ginny Harman, Tamela Hunt, Latrina Johanning, Rebecca Kenworthy, Stephanie McKinstry, Joey Scherschel, and Nina Webb.

Advisory Board Members Absent: Elizabeth Cohen, Marci Graves, Coleen Land, Jennifer Quartucci, Eryn Wolf, Maria Wynne

Laws/Regulations Business:

- Federal laws and regulations have required us to promulgate new child care home licensing regulations.
- Proposed Changes to the regulations;
 - Current CDA for licensee. Providers that were licensed prior to the effective date of the new regulations will be grandfathered.
 - Licensees must be Twenty – one (21), if 18 yrs of age but less than 21 years they need to have a CDA
 - New orientation classes are required – Health & Safety modules everyone should have already gotten
 - Twelve (12) hours in-service training per year
 - Safe sleep required for all child care staff with refresh training required yearly
 - Thermostat kept between 60 – 89 degrees
 - Television restrictions
 - No corporal punishment
 - No pets that carry easily transmitted diseases are prohibited,
 - The regulations developed several years ago by a committee of providers and other agencies with the assistance of the National Association of Regulatory Administration, are the basis of the new regulations.

Office of Early Childhood and out of School Learning Business:

- Discussion regarding Mentors and Raters being consistent with the laws and regulations.
 - **(Debbie Sampson)** Mentors will be working with all Providers
 - **(Noel Hanson)** Mentors need some childcare experience.
 - **(Debbie Sampson)** the qualifications for mentors are education in Early Childhood or a related field.
- Is it within State regulations for child care to put infants in a shoulder sling?
 - **(Debbie Sampson)** No. The State does not allow Providers to wear infant shoulder sling because, this item is a danger to the child. The child could get a head injury while trying to assist other children. The Provider unknowingly forgets to give that child attention. The Provider can use the sling with her own children, but not during child care hours. The regulation to not use this item can be found under "conditions that exist that could endanger the health and safety of a child". It does not mention this item specifically in the Interpretive Guide.
- **(Noel Hanson)** A current client fired a gun on the Provider's property, during daycare hours. The Provider's licensing consultant was contacted as well as the local police department. There was evidence of gun casings on the front yard. This type of violence is only punishable with a class six (6) felony. Provider's that commit non-violent or violent crimes have harsher punishments compared to violence done outside of their daycares by someone else Provider's are not protected by the State. **(Debbie Sampson)** This is beyond the scope of child care licensing. This is a criminal matter and if you want to change laws, you need to contact your legislator.
- **(Stephanie McKinstry)** A spouse's background check (fingerprints) were not due before licensing visit, but is this an error or is a citation warranted?
 - **(Debbie Sampson)** Need to have background checks current at all times.

Other Business:

- The Indiana Association for Child Care Resource and Referral (IACCRR), is having a joint conference with the Indiana YMCA. The fee is \$10 and includes breakfast and lunch. The conference will be held at Ivy Tech Community College culinary center.
- The Early Learning Indiana committee is hosting a Child Care Home conference in September.

Meeting minutes from the January 2017 meeting will be approved at the July 2017 Meeting, Stephanie McKinstry seconds that motion. **Motion Was Carried.**

Adjournment: Stephanie McKinstry made a motion to end the meeting, Latrina Johanning second that motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m. **Motion Was Carried.** The next Advisory Committee meeting will be on July 25.