

Indiana Licensed Child Care Center Advisory Board
April 21, 2011
Minutes

Attending (either in person or by phone):

Connie Hire, Mary Lambert, Kathy Layman, Dina Hill, Renee Kinder, Jillian Ritter, Tomi Lessaris, Melanie Brizzi, Carol Johnson, Janet Couch, Heidi Dowell, Tim Dunnuck, Lori Emmett, Noel Hanson, Terri Kosik, Traci Mehay, Marie Pace, Tom Rayl, Debby Rowan, Mary Jane Scamahorn, Gail Stout

Lucinda Nord – Guest Speaker (Center Indiana Association of United Way)
Also United Way has made Education a priority. **From the United Way Website:**

“United Way knows that real and sustained change in community conditions requires more than money. That’s why our Public Policy staff works to educate and engage Members of Congress, the Administration, and other policymakers about the goals and priorities of the United Way movement and our commitment to [education](#), [financial stability](#), [health](#) and nonprofit sector strengthening issues.

UNITED WAY WORLDWIDE POLICY PRIORITIES: EDUCATION

The United Way system’s 10-year education goal is to cut the nation’s high school dropout rate in half; by 2018, 87% of high school seniors will graduate on time, up from 74% in 2006.

To accomplish this goal, United Way will focus on the following policy priorities:

1. [Access to Quality Early Learning Opportunities Beginning at Birth](#)
2. [Middle and High School Retention and Re-enrollment](#)
3. [Parent and Community Engagement in Education](#)

Lucinda gave an overview of the legislative session on Bill 56:

<http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2011/IN/IN0056.1.html>

Summary of Bill Introduced: Child care regulation. Makes various statutory changes making certain health and safety requirements applying to child care providers consistent, including criminal history checks, drug testing, caregiver education and supervision, nutrition, immunizations, fire and hazardous materials safety, and administrative procedures for noncompliance. Makes technical changes. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the committee on child care.)

Senate Bill 56 was heard by the Committee on Health and Provider Services on Wednesday, February 16, 2011. However, Committee Chairperson Patricia Miller did not put the measure up for a vote. This stops the bill in the committee so that it cannot be considered by the senate. Lucinda said that if a vote had been taken, the Bill would have passed.

When the representatives were spoke to on a one-to-one basis, there was an almost unanimous agreement line for line of the Bill. The basic health and safety of the children were elements that were agreed upon. Opposition is strong and is lead by two religious groups. The main reason is church and state should be separated.

Progress has been made and United Way will continue to work on their belief that CCDF dollars should be going to the highest level of quality care. Lucinda encouraged the group to get involved by having individual conversations with our local Representatives and having the parents and other stakeholders speak with them as well. One great way to do this is to invite your Representative to your Center for a tour and educate them on what quality care is and what it looks like.

Need to form a committee to get advocacy going early before going into next session and to not lose ground. Lucinda would invite all Directors to be on her distribution list – if you would not like to be on this list, please let Carol know.

Meeting called to order by Carol Johnson, Co-Chairperson. Introductions were made and attendance taken. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. One correction to the minutes was made. Jillian Ritter wanted to clarify her position. She is through NACCRRRA and her title is Military Child Care Liaison for Indiana. She doesn't work directly with the families, however, works to increase the capacity of quality care for military families. Her contact information is: jillian.ritter@naccrra.org Tim Dunnuck made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Tom Rayl. Motion passed.

Update from Bureau: Melanie handed out the changes to the Interpretative Guide. There are only 3 updates and these can be found on the Childcare Finder website. Currently there are over 12,000 children on the CCDF waitlist. She also spoke about the new crib standards. Beginning December 28, 2012, any crib provided by child care facilities and family child care homes must meet new and improved federal safety standards. The new standards take effect for manufacturers, retailers, importers and distributors on June 28, 2011. A letter from Melanie explaining the crib guidelines in greater detail will be mailed soon. All cribs must have a certificate of compliance and the cribs need to be labeled with the date manufactured. Again, see the Childcare Finder Website for information or www.cpsc.gov.

The meeting was adjourned.

MEETING DATES 2010-2011

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Respectively Submitted,
Traci Mehay, Secretary