Child Care and Education Committee Meeting Summary

September 17th, 1:00-3:00

*Present:* Abby Bush, Stacy Cowan, Pam Hester, Nenna Lewis, Kristen Manning, Judy Newman, Sue Norton, Tim Rusk, Harriet Adair, Rob Saxton, Michelle Gury, Jodi Blackman, Sabrina Escobedo, Bobbie Weber, Leslee Barnes

*Absent:* Zeenia Junker, Kamala Wymore

Welcome and introductions – “What is your greatest hope as we begin our work on rule promulgation?”

Overview and Description of the CCEC Sub-committees

* After months of preparation ready to implement a new way of making rules
* We will be guided by a set of principles—to be adopted next week by ELC and we will focus on:
  + Get grounded in knowledge of what the rule aims to accomplish
  + Be informed by the opinions of those affected
  + Will be supported by team of experts within ELD
  + Goal: ELC plays meaningful role in adopting rules that serve Oregon’s children and families as best as we are able

Process overview:

* Ground ourselves in knowledge
* Determine who needs to be directly engaged with us—join a workgroup (staff input throughout this is an example)
* Determine who needs to be heard and recommend how this might happen—focus groups, surveys etc
* Staff drafts rules or rule revisions
* CCEC screens proposed rules through principles lens
* CCEC makes recommendations to ELC
* ELC promulgates/revises rules
* ELD completes process required by Secretary of State

Committee will work in two major workgroups-- members will select one of two rule clusters (as noted above one of the workgroup’s first tasks will be to identify who needs to join the group and what input processes to use)

* Preschool workgroup
  + Whole includes sets of rules for contracts with organizations to provide early learning services to young children:
  + Staff preparing materials to ground us in this set of rules
  + Urgency for Mixed Delivery Preschool driven by legislature
  + OPK—will need to be tweaked due to Mixed Delivery Preschool rules
  + Relief nurseries will be working on later but since they are part of the whole our learning/grounding will include them also
* Child Care rules workgroup
  + Whole includes rules which govern requirements of those who provide early learning services (Registered family child care (RF), certified family child care (CF), center child care(CC))
  + Staff preparing materials to ground us in this set of rules
  + Urgency on rules for license exempt since needed for compliance with new CCDF (Child Care Development Fund) requirements
  + May result in need for revisions to RF, CF, and/or CC.
  + Will also create rules for QRIS but after we complete work on license exempt
  + New category of school-age only centers on our work but will follow this work
* We have a short –term need for work on rules for special populations
  + Contracts to reach identified populations
    - Alcohol and Drug clients
    - Migrant and seasonal workers
    - Teen parents
  + Considerable work already done on these rules
  + Urgency in order to put ELD contracts on solid footing
  + Ask persons who are on either preschool or rules cluster to volunteer to also serve on this short-term workgroup
  + Staff will prepare materials to ground us in these sets of rules including work done to date on rule revision
  + Goal is to discuss them (through principles screen) in October and develop recommendation for ELC in November

Next steps

* Committee members volunteered for the following workgroups:
  + Preschool: Sabrina, Abby, Pam, Judy, Harriet, Tim, Rob, Michelle, Kirsten
  + Child Care: Leslee, Stacy, Jodi, Sue, Nnenna
  + Special Populations short term group: Sabrina, Harriet, Tim
  + Teresa will send a doodle poll to find a time to convene

Next CCEC meeting October 15th, 1:00pm - 3:00pm