

WASHOE COUNTY CHILD CARE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

DATE: March 5, 2018

PLACE: Washoe County Commissioners' Chambers

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Hayley Hamel, Child Development Specialist
Kristen Maren, For Profit Child Care Provider (Center)
Sylvia Lee, Reno Fire Department
Chris McCubbins, Sparks Fire Department
Kim Tran Franchi, Washoe County Health District – Environmental Health
Kathy Sobrio, Washoe County Health District – Immunization Program
Tiffany Dyer, Nevada State Division of Child and Family Services
Tara Goodsell, Washoe County Human Services Agency

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Ryan Putzer, For Profit Child Care provider (Center)
Glaiza Giron, For Profit Child Care Provider (Home)
Shiho Schmidt, Recipient of Child Care Services
Kelsey Bender, Recipient of Child Care Services
(Vacant Position – Recipient of Child Care Services)

Item 1: Roll Call

The meeting was called to order, and roll was taken.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes of September 21, 2017 Meeting

The minutes of the September 21, 2017 meeting were approved.

Item 3: Recruitment to Fill Vacant Board Position

Tara Goodsell introduced herself as the new Supervisor of Child Care Licensing. There is still a vacant position on the Board for a recipient of child care.

Item 4: Flame Treated Curtain Update (Sylvia Lee, Reno Fire Department)

Although Ms. Lee has something in writing from all three jurisdictions regarding flame treated curtains, it is not quite ready to hand out yet. It is in code that curtains must be flame treated and re-treated after washing. The fire jurisdictions actually prefer that curtains not be used at all. It was suggested that the Fire Department put the information (videos and flame retardant product information) on their website.

Item 5: Verbal Update on Regulation Changes (Tara Goodsell, WCDSS)

The agency is updating the child care regulations to reflect legislative changes and the State's codified regulations, but is still waiting on clarification from the State and the District Attorney's office on some of them. The Agency had mailed a notification to providers listing the regulations that are now in effect and enforced as of January 1, 2018:

- Preference for military families, with a parent on active duty or a prisoner of war. Providers still have discretion to ensure that the child will be a good fit for their

program and don't need to dismiss current enrollees to accommodate the new child, but given that all other factors are the same, preference would be given to the military family.

- Training requirements. Home providers are now required to do 24 hours annually, with at least 12 of those devoted to the care, education, and safety of children specific to the ages served by the child care facility. The initial training can be counted toward the annual requirement and the majority of the initial training, with the exception of child abuse/neglect and can be completed within 120 days. The Nevada Registry has updated their website and indicates the differences for Washoe County versus State providers on their website.
- New excludable offenses for child care providers now include DUI. The Sheriff's Office started imposing this for DUIs July 1, 2017. This, along with some domestic related offenses, may come up for new providers and some providers renewing their work permit cards.
- A grading system will be implemented at inspections, and that grade must be posted in a conspicuous place near an exit that is viewed by the public. With a grade of C, D, or F, a provider can request a follow-up inspection. A facility that receives a grade of D or lower may have action taken against their license. The Agency is waiting on feedback from the State before getting more specific regarding grading requirements.
- Caregivers will be required to supervise extracurricular activities.
- The Agency will be following the Department of Agriculture's meal plans and portions for those that serve meals that are not part of Food for Kids.
- Ratio changes to meet the newly codified State changes are coming, but will not be implemented just yet.
- In order to meet codified changes, center providers will not be allowed the before and after school allowance; however, it will still be allowed for home providers.

Once the Agency receives the State's feedback on grade requirements, it can send those to providers. When mixing age groups, the ratios for the youngest of the age groups will apply.

Item 6: Department Update (Tara Goodsell, WCDSS)

Ms. Goodsell mentioned that both child care and foster care are updating their computer systems to web-based systems. She mentioned that the Agency is now operating under the name of Human Services Agency, which encompasses child, adult, and senior services. Ryan Gustafson is now the Director of Children's Services. Although Alice LeDesma is still available to child care licensing until she retires, her focus is on special projects. The Agency also has a new phone system.

Kathy Sobrio mentioned several Health Department updates, including immunization requirements. The State put out bulletins noting that for child care enrollment, vaccines are now being required at the minimum age requirement. Washoe County Health Department is being stricter than the State requirements, and requires the 12-15 month immunizations at 12 months. As of June 30, 2018, for school and child care admittance, parental history for verification of varicella immunity is no longer being accepted. Now, a doctor's note or lab report is required for exemption from the varicella vaccine. The Health Department will be updating the immunization schedule in Addendum 5 of the child care regulations.

Ms. Franchi handed out an updated communicable disease chart, and will give a supply to child care licensing to be distributed to providers. She is also working with the State on updating the Signs of Illness class and hopes to have it available on-line for child care providers.

Item 7: Next Meeting Date June 27, 2018 from 6:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 27, 2018 from 6:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.

Item 8: Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda

Mr. McCubbins spoke about the 2018 fire code. Ms. Mareno asked about the grading system, on which the Agency still needs feedback from the State. A suggestion was made to offer a public workshop on the grading system. It was suggested to put the 12 month immunization requirements on the Nevada Registry website. The Health Department will be offering an immunization class for child care providers. The Nevada Registry is offering a scholarship opportunity for an 8 hour training package.

The meeting was adjourned.