

Program Quality
Thursday, July 13, 2023

Present: Maegan Adams, Melinda Coko, Renee Dailey, Maureen Eaton, Laurie Nadeau, Donna Osuch, Pam Testa

Absent: Michelle Fangiullo, Jackie Furniss, Wendy McGrath, Kristen Peck, Val Pelletier, Rachael Witkewicz

Welcome and Introductions:

Staffing and enrollment update:

- **Staffing:**
 - BOE looking for several teachers and paras
 - BCDC looking for two infant toddler teachers and a floater
 - INMELC needs two assistant teachers
- **Enrollment:**
 - BOE has 15 openings (134/149)
 - BCDC is full (124/124 preschool) and needs staff to open new waddler room (47/56)
 - INMELC is full (119/119 preschool and 8/8 infant toddler)
- **BristolWorks:**
 - Both BCDC and INMELC have three in the current class and six registering for the fall cohort
 - Planning for new fall cohort now (contact Kim Holley k.holley@bristolworksct.org or 860-634-5333 to get on waitlist)

OEC/Other Updates:

- **OEC Fee Schedule Survey** - Completed online survey together
- **WBDC technology survey** – If you want to complete for your program:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/child-care-tech>
- **Enrollment Grant** – Programs must certify by July 14th
- **Licensing Regulation Changes** - Comments are due by August 1:
<https://www.ctoec.org/news/notice-of-proposed-changes-to-child-care-center-and-group-child-care-home-licensing-regulations/>
- **Care4Kids** - Payments are behind by one week, according to OEC. Parents are getting frustrated by long wait times (6 weeks) for redetermination, only to find fees going up
- **Blue Ribbon Panel for Early Childhood** - There's a form online to provide feedback to the panel:
<https://www.ctoec.org/blue-ribbon-panel/feedback/>
- **No update for EC Reporter and OEC ARPA Grant** – OEC said programs would hear soon about ARPA grant
- **New General Policies** - Many of the GPs have been updated, but OEC has not notified anyone yet

Legislative Session:

- Attached and discussed OEC and EC Alliance legislative overviews
- Kindergarten age changed from turning 5 by January 1 to September 1, effective next year. OEC has not come out yet with any guidance about children staying in state-funded programs an additional year.

Kindergarten Registration and Fire/Police Ride:

- Eliana Lora going to Stafford
- August Pearson going to Hubbell

Professional Development:

- August Professional Development through EC Consortium
 - Monday, August 21, 2023, from 8:30-11:30 - Tunxis will provide breakfast
 - Trauma informed practice by Peg Oliveira from Yale's Gesell Institute of Child Development with 3 additional 90-minute evenings with Peg scheduled in September, October and December
 - Wendy will send flyer

Financials:

- Reminder that end of year reporting due beginning of August

Next Meeting Date August 10, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

September 14, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

October 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

November 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

December 14, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

January 11, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

February 8, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

March 14, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

April 11, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

May 9, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

June 13, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

July 11, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Osuch