



Licensed Center Advisory Subcommittee (LCAS) Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Historic Davenport Hotel – Spokane, WA

Welcome & Introductions

- Brian Trimble, LCAS Co-Chair welcomed everyone and initiated introductions.

ELAC Panel Presentation

Deanna Stewart, DEL's Community Relations Administrator, introduced the structure of the Panel presentation for the ELAC meeting. Members were then asked to discuss the questions posed by ELAC.

Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What's the most pressing issue(s) you'd like policy makers to understand about the early learning field?2. How has this issue(s) impacted the children, families, and staff in your center?3. What is one piece of advice you would give DCYF staff and/or policy makers going into the 2019 legislative session? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members broke into small groups and discussed the questions, then shared out some of their thoughts.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We want to look at increasing subsidy rates, investing in all children and not silo money out by age.○ We need to look at how to pay teachers living wages, policy makers need to think about how their policies affect us as business owners, we need the data from the department to be able to advocate for ourselves properly.○ Need to ensure the end user is heard.
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Professional Development

Nicole Rose, DCYF Director of Eligibility and Provider Supports, presented on the Compensation Technical Workgroup.

- [PPT Slides](#)
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Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Question posed about the representation on the compensation workgroup?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Nicole spoke about expanding the group to include more licensed center representatives not just ECEAP and EA.• Question posed on children of staff of child care facilities going to college or other benefits that have been considered?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Those are things that this group can discuss and propose during the discussion piece.• Question posed is the hope that one of the ideas might stick?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ I think the goal is finding the right mix of resources and how do we figure out how to bring the funding streams together to make a strong enough funding package. It can't just be about wages but about benefits as well. <p>Nicole had the members split into small groups to discuss and then report out. Nicole presented on the Equivalencies and the Workgroup. To date nothing has been decided about who or how the assessing will be done.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Question was posed, on the difference between the equivalencies and competencies?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ An equivalent would be like having an initial certificate that also stars is equivalent to certificate○ The competence part is more about knowledge, skills, and abilities?
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you feel like the state has federal pressure to make these changes? We should not be making changes based on data from other states but based on staying true to our base. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We need to make changes that do not detriment current individuals in the industry. • Having credentials makes it hard for alternate pathways. Credentials should include a lot of community based things. • How will wages be set to be equitable across the state? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The market rate survey and cost of quality report will inform the next phase on how to do it? ○ Is the state still looking to do the zip code model? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The conversation is still wide open
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do credentials look like? Example in Early Achievers Nicole will provide.

Working Lunch – Review Purpose Statement, Community Agreements and Draft Work Plan

LCAS Co-Chairs Julie Schroath and Brian Trimble

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members reviewed the purpose statement and had one edit for the community agreements. There were no further additions or edits. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4th bullet on purpose statement - Be a two way communicator between the state and local licensed child care community ○ LCAS in community agreements edit.
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft work plan will be sent out for review

Feedback Loop

Deanna Stewart, DCYF Community Relations Administrator, introduced the feedback loop and asked members to review and ask any questions.

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members had no questions regarding the feedback loop.
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Policy Development & Review

- [PPT Slides](#)

Frank Ordway, DCYF director of Government Affairs and Community Engagement, presented on the 2019 legislative budget session, decision packages, and advocacy arenas for the subcommittee members.

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Projected results indicate big changes in the makeup of the legislature • Timeline for 2019 budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We do not have final information yet, a webinar will be scheduled for follow-up once there is more to share • Current landscape for 2019 budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview of revenue sources ○ Breakdown of expenditures • Agency request legislation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Family First Prevention Act ○ Technical fixes from DCYF merger ○ ESIT statute update ○ Minor is custody protections
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCYF will host a webinar with updates on the 2019 legislative session budget process.

LCAS MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Amy Bender

LCAS MEMBERS ABSENT

Kathy Duschel

Approved by LCAS_____

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