



## EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

### MEETING MINUTES

August 16, 2017

#### Attendees

Gwendolyn Cole, Ada S. McKinley  
Lyris Clark, Ada S. McKinley  
Lee Tate, Carole Robertson Center  
Michelle Ellis, Carole Robertson Center  
Elizabeth Alston, Chicago Child Care Society  
Lucy Taylor, Chicago City Colleges  
Aurora Rodriguez, Chicago Commons  
Bonnie Kisielewski-Reyes, Chicago Commons  
Lauren Bolthouse, Chicago Public Schools  
Talina Carter Bowie, Chicago Youth Centers  
Dion Rogers, Chicago Youth Centers  
Tasha Pratt, Chicago Youth Centers  
Helen Cao, Chinese American  
Sarah Collentine, Christopher House  
April Leigh, Easter Seals  
Angelica Hernandez, El Hogar del Nino  
Rosie Macias, El Valor  
Jacquelyn Ledezma, El Valor  
Evangelina Maldonado, El Valor  
Carolina Benitez, El Valor  
Natalie Galvan, Gads Hill  
Deborah Moore, Henry Booth house  
Melody Brooks, Henry Booth House  
Deidra Watson, Henry Booth House  
Jacqueline Stanton, Henry Booth House  
Monique Hovinga, Henry Booth House  
Rebecga Cummings, Howard Area  
Tasia Evans, It Takes A Village  
Melisa Larson, Lutheran Social Services  
Barbara Grandberry, Mary Crane

Robert Bryant, Mary Crane  
Marie LaMonica, Metropolitan Family Services  
Judith Tyson, Montessori School of Englewood  
New Pisgah, Rebecca Dobbs  
Irma Rodriguez, Northwestern University Settlement  
Miriam Williamson, Onward House  
Cindy La, Salvation Army  
Marquita Cox, Salvation Army  
Teresa Ruiz, SGA Youth and Family  
Erika Changuan, SGA Youth and Family  
Stacy Peterson, YMCA  
Deb Zapalik, Teaching Strategies  
Lorrie Lindley Ada S. McKinley  
Hillary Presper, Family Focus Inc.  
Amy Labb, Erikson Institute  
Sandra Gonzalez-Murray, DFSS  
Anya Robinson, DFSS  
Maria Gonzalez, DFSS  
Charles Hall, DFSS  
Jody Anderson, DFSS  
Griselda Chavez, DFSS  
Lauren Cooper, Erikson Institute  
Aleida Jaimes, Erikson Institute  
Denise Jordan, DFSS

**I. Welcome**

Meeting was called to order – by co-chair Robert Bryant, Mary Crane.

New Members: Gwendolyn Cole, Ada S. McKinley, Lauren Bolthouse, Chicago Public Schools  
Angela Hernandez, El Valor.

**II. Identification of Note taker**

Charles Hall, DFSS, was identified as the note taker for the meeting.

**III. Reading/Approval of the June meeting minutes**

Minutes from the June 21<sup>st</sup> Education Committee meeting were distributed by email and some copies were also available at the meeting. The minutes were approved by Natalie Galvan, Gads Hill Center and seconded by Melissa Larson, LSSI; there were no corrections needed.

**IV. DFSS Update- Denise Jordan**

DFSS and Chicago Public Schools partnered to host the Chicago Early Learning – “Ready Set Teach 2017” Early Childhood Conference. The conference was held on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and was well attended by approximately 1600 participants representing birth through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade programs. DFSS encourages agency staff to become involved in planning, making recommendations, etc. as well as presenting for next year’s conference.

DFSS instituted a slot reduction plan for all delegate agencies for the 2017-18 program year. Although slots were reduced, delegate agencies typically maintained most of their operating budget dollars.

DFSS inquired as to what agencies have an identified coach onsite to assist teachers. Approximately a dozen individuals responded as having a coach for their agency. However, upon further inquiry only one or two agencies identified themselves as having a dedicated coach. The grantee is currently working on various coaching strategies which will be available to delegates based on agency data and other criteria.

**V. Child Care Assistance Program**

Handouts for the Child Care Program were distributed. The information should be uploaded into COPA, by September 2017. Anyone with an ECE Level 4 Credential or above has met the requirements for Levels 1, 2, and 3; these individuals do not have to take the online ECE trainings. However, they have to take the CPR First Aid Certification, and the Child Abuse Neglect Mandated Reporter Training.

**VI. Erikson Institute Amy Labb:**

The Erikson Institute subject matter experts provided training at both the “Ready Set Teach” Teacher and the Parent Conference. Training for delegate agencies will be held in August. Support will be provided on the preparation of the 2016-17 waiver documents for agencies that did not meet their ten percent. The next Disabilities forum will be held on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 12:00 pm at Erikson Institute.

**VII. School Readiness-Creative Curriculum/Gold Assessment Deb Zapalik:**

Feedback was requested from delegate agency staff regarding the new TSI platform. Agency staff has reported not being able to access some documents. Some concerns are:

- The user guide is good for the teachers but not for administrators
- More training is needed for teachers on My Teaching Strategies
- It is difficult to print documents
- Problems with using the internet
- Updating IPAD operating system not supported by apple, it's not compatible
- IPADS are not accepting user names, an error message comes up.
- Teachers are unable to archive children that have been deleted, but administrators should

Although My Teaching strategies is a new platform, GOLD did not change -- Chrome works best with the new platform and when printing, review guidance for assistance. The report for summer data will remain the same and partner sites will not be able to see data at this time.

The Family tabs have learning games and the three to five classrooms have digital resources. Currently, the zero to three classrooms digital resources have not be been finalized and the Mighty Minutes are coming. Committee members were asked to keep in mind that the software is still under construction. Deb has requested that anyone having continuing to have unresolved errors to send her a "screen shot".

**VIII. Open Discussion - Group Activity - Denise Jordan**

Committee members broke out into small groups to discuss and write comments on the final draft of the Chicago Early Learning Standards (CELS). Committee members engaged in lively discussions about the CELs comments were recorded and collected.

Adjournment