



**EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**October 18, 2017**

**Attendees**

Riane Witherspoon, Ada S. McKinley  
Tiffany Osler, Ada S. McKinley  
Mary Jo Hayden, Ada S. McKinley  
Lee Tate, Carole Robertson Center  
LaRhonda Griffin, Centers for New Horizons  
Kate Connor, Chicago City Colleges  
Aurora Rodriguez, Chicago Commons  
Emily Simon, CPS  
Helen Cao, Chinese American  
LaQuesha Allen, Easter Seals  
Illian Espinoza, El Hogar del Nino  
Rosie Macias, El Valor  
Jessica Garcia, El Valor  
Evangelina Maldonado, El Valor  
Natalie Galvan, Gads Hill  
Jeannette Williams, Judah International Outreach  
Melisa Larson, Lutheran Social Services  
Barbara Grandberry, Mary Crane  
Judith Tyson, Montessori School of Englewood  
Irma Rodriguez, Northwestern University Settlement  
Teresa Ruiz, SGA Youth & Family  
Azusena Espana, SGA Youth & Family  
Mia Gardener, Shining Star  
Atena Danner, YMCA  
Amy Labb, Erickson Institute  
Onelia Rios, Erickson Institute  
Anya Robinson, DFSS  
Charles Hall, DFSS  
Griselda Chavez, DFSS  
Denise Jordan, DFSS

Lyris Clark, Ada S. McKinley  
Lorrie Lindley, Ada S. McKinley  
Natalie Ramos-Castillo, Albany Park  
Derbert Plaza, Catholic Charities  
Lucy Taylor, Chicago City Colleges  
Sheila Benson, Chicago City Colleges  
Bonnie Kisielewski-Reyes, Chicago Commons  
Janice Taylor, Chicago Youth Centers  
Sarah Collentine, Christopher House  
RaChe' Russell, Easter Seals  
Maria Heidkamp, El Hogar del Nino  
Jacquelyn Ledezma, El Valor  
Maricela Martinez, El Valor  
Carolina Benitez, El Valor  
Melody Brooks, Henry Booth House  
Cindy Park, Korean American  
Robert Bryant, Mary Crane  
Marie LaMonica, Metropolitan Family Services  
Rebecca Dobbs, New Pisgah  
Miriam Williamson, Onward House  
Jose Perea, SGA Youth & Family  
Deborah McLain, Shining Star  
Maria Franco, YMCA  
Deb Zapalik, Teaching Strategies  
Nicole Polash, Erickson Institute  
Sandra Gonzalez-Murray, DFSS  
Maria Gonzalez, DFSS  
Jody Anderson, DFSS

**I. Welcome**

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

**II. Identification of Note taker**

Sandra Gonzalez-Murray, DFSS, was identified as the note taker for the meeting.

**III. New Members**

Onelia Rios- Erickson, Mia Gardener- Shining Star, Emily Simon -CPS, Cynthia Cabrera- CPS, Ana Palominos- CPS and Asuzena Espana-HBH; Kate Connor- City Colleges, attended as a guest.

**IV. Reading/Approval of meeting minutes**

Minutes from the August 16th Education Committee meeting were distributed and some copies were also available at the meeting. The minutes were approved by Derbert Plaza, Catholic Charities and Maria LaMonica, Metropolitan family Services seconded the approval; minutes from the September 20<sup>th</sup> Education Meeting were also distributed. Lauren Cooper noted a correction was needed in the disabilities section. The correction was noted and the minutes with the correction were approved.

**V. DFSS Update- Denise Jordan**

During the last couple of weeks DFSS staff have been making phone calls to all agency sites including partner sites to verify specific information to update data currently in COPA. We are also working on a process to integrate PI and PFA into the COPA system.

It is being recommended that agencies have current and new staff send their transcripts to Gateways to Opportunity for evaluation and credentialing. The cost for the evaluation is reimbursable.

The consolidation of PFA, PI with HS and EHS, EHS CCP has required a redistribution of agencies to Support Services Coordinators. Current HS, EHS, EHS CCP caseload distribution for the Education Team is as follows:

**Jody Anderson:** Ada S. McKinley, Chicago Commons, Centers for New Horizons, Gads Hill, El Hogar del Nino, South East Asia.

**Anya Robinson:** El Valor, SGA, Chicago Child Care Society, Metro Family Services, Onward Neighborhood House, Trinity United, Howard Area

**Sandra Gonzalez-Murray & Charles Hall:** Easter Seals, Henry Booth House, Christopher House, City Colleges, Judah

**Maria Gonzalez:** Mary Crane, YMCA, Catholic Charities, It Takes a Village, Lutheran Social Services, Albany Park, New Pisgah

**Griselda Chavez:** Carole Robertson, Chicago Youth Centers, Salvation Army, Shining Star, Erie Neighborhood House, Korean /HANA, Montessori of Englewood, NUSH.

In addition to the above-mentioned agencies, with consolidation, the SSCs have approximately six to seven other sites/agencies that have PFA and PI Programs.

The 2017 “Ready, Set, Teach Conference was very well attended by both CPS and DFSS; approximately 1600 participants from DFSS funded agencies attended. We have started planning for next year’s conference and looking to add more tracks for Home Visitors, FCC, and Family Service Workers, etc. We would also like to have more program staff from our agencies to give presentations.

DFSS – Children Services Division has identified a new Deputy Commissioner. Effective November 1<sup>st</sup> Cerathel Burnett, who is currently Executive Director at Carole Robertson Center, will join the department.

We are getting closer to having an orientation on the Coaching and Professional Development possibly being launched sometime in November.

The Office of Head Start has contacted DFSS to inform us that we will be scheduled for a Federal Review, specifically a Focus Area Two Review. The Monitoring Protocol includes the following areas:

- Program Design and management
- Monitoring and Implementing quality education and child development services.
- Monitoring and implementing quality health program services
- Monitoring and implementing quality family community engagement services
- Monitoring and implementing fiscal infrastructure
- Monitoring ERSEA, eligibility and attendance.

Participants were encouraged to go on <http://www.ecklc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov> to review the monitoring protocol.

Creative Curriculum Fall Assessment checkpoint date ends October 29<sup>th</sup>. Please note that there is a conflict with the checkpoint dates in CELS and programs should go by the dates in Teaching Strategies.

The Chicago Early Learning Standards (CELS) training for trainers is in November. The intent is for delegate agency representatives to take the training and the resources, adapt and develop it to fit your agency’s needs and then provide training to your agency staff.

**VI. Erikson Institute Amy Labb:**

Onelia Rios has joined the Erikson Team, she will be working part time.

ASQ3 & ASQ-SE training is currently on hold. DFSS is concerned that teachers are being pulled out of the classrooms too frequently. However, sites can always contact their Erickson Inclusion consultants for support.

The next monthly forum at Erickson Institute one will take place on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The forum is open to anyone that works in Early Head Start.

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

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, Deb Zapalik sent out an email to all Education Coordinators informing all about a “hiccup” with the CPS ID requirement, however, the issue has been resolved.

Another email was sent about the objectives that Teaching Strategies added that are “Not Yet” for all color bands.

**Open Discussion**

Kate Connor from City Colleges let participants know that City Colleges is now an entitled agency through INCRRRA and can offer Gateways Credentials in ECE, IT and Family Support Specialists. They offer flexible paths to achieving credentials and will soon offer an ISBE Bilingual Endorsement. In addition, ECE and IT credits are offered in all City Colleges, the Director’s credential will be offered at Harold Washington and Truman. For more information, you can contact Katie directly at her email address: [kconnor@ccc.edu](mailto:kconnor@ccc.edu)

Adjournment