

Minutes for October 18, 2019

Recorder: Michaela Horn

Present: Aerika Street (Child Haven), Ashleigh Anselment (Inspire), Heila Blair (Private Nurse Consultant), Jessica Cafferty (Best Starts), Anna Freeman (Kindering), Danette Glassy (AAP), Kim Hankinson (Whatcom HD), Janis Harsila (Public Health Seattle King County/PHSKC), Xinying He (PSESD), Jennifer Helseth (DCYF), Darcy Hermosa (Kitsap HS/ECEAP), Micha Horn (Snohomish Health District), Claudia Hume (Spokane HS/ECEAP), Leslie Keller (Kindering), Suzanne Kohaya (PSESD), Katy Levenhagen (Snohomish Health District), Sandra Lounsbery (Skagit HS/ECEAP), Yolanda Morris (PHSKC), Lynn Nguyen (PHSKC), Cheryl Polasek (PSESD), Kimberly Pratt (Spokane HS/ECEAP), Lesley Raunig (PHSKC), Maria Rodriguez (ESD105), Melody Stryker (Kindering), Rebecca Timmen (HeadStart), Joanne Tran (PSESD), Kristi Walters (PSESD), Lauren Wynsma (Inspire)

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Welcome and Introductions	Introductions Review agenda and minutes	
Member/Agency Updates <i>Roundtable</i>	<p>Public Health Seattle-King County – Child Care Health Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviewing for a Somali speaking public health professional to join team • Busy with health screenings • Developing a lot of trainings – Birth to 3 brain development, developing meaningful relationships, etc.- in person trainings – coordinated by DCYF with beverage tax • Finished updating health policy (online) <p>Puget Sound ESD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of questions about MMR exemptions and staff requirements. There are some parents who are still choosing religious exemption and some who are getting the shots. • Some direct service licensed sites through ESD. In process of licensing some more sites. • If preschools have done purchasing from Food Services of America – FSA has been bought out by US Foods. Trucks for ESDs are coming from Portland, OR. All product numbers are changing and items are changing to US Foods vendors. Ordering systems are changing. Be wary of food allergies and nutritional content as new foods transition into system – CACFP wants labels from the actual product box rather than from online. • Xinying is interested in knowing if there are any resources for setting up a mobile MMR clinic. <p>Kitsap Community Resources (HS/ECEAP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Couple licensed sites • 3 classrooms extended to 6 hours – going well 	King County Public Health Child Care Program: https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/child-teen-health/child-care-health.aspx

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	<p>Snohomish Health District – Child Care Health Outreach Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In person trainings done recently – gardening basics in early learning (w/WSU extension and ECEAP) was well attended and well received; wellness for child care providers training (at Verdant Health) – had 50 people signed up Many online trainings that may be able to be opened up to the rest of the state with a fee Have not hired open positions and waiting on BOH to make budget decisions <p>Kindering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> About halfway into project; have done many stakeholder engagements; figured out the gaps in the system and what people would prefer the system to look like Working on logic model for county-wide health consultation About to hold 4th Child Care Consultation Summit (4th of 7) – October 23rd 2019 from 9am-3:30pm at Tukwila Community Center Infant Mental health trainings Doing school module for immunization tracking for students and most of employees are in compliance with the new rule. Expanded reach for the team Melody is on. Many home sites in the new area – very hard to reach them. – reaching populations that have not been reached before for health consultation <p>Best Starts for Kids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 funded programs across King County (4 community-focused consultations; 3 providing more traditional health consultation) At a point where we are starting to collect a little more data that may be ready to present in early 2020. Executive recently formed a task force to look into access challenges to child care for families. BSK may develop some recommendations for quality, safety, type of care settings, etc. <p>American Academy of Pediatrics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brought old editions of CFCO and Managing Infectious Diseases. New print editions are out for each. Nature and child health and the writing of licensing regulations for outdoor preschools in Washington State. Best Start Washington 501C3 has been working for 3 years on getting 0-3 year olds out into nature during well child visits. Addressing true barriers to having families go outside. <p>Child Haven</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changing service model - Extending hours at Child Haven, Getting rid of transportation Will have more updates later 	<p>Snohomish Health District Child Care Health Outreach website: http://www.snohd.org/238/Child-Care-Providers</p> <p>Child Care Health Consultation Summit 4 Registration: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8RJSJDW</p>

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	<p>Whatcom County Health Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public health nurse with Whatcom Health Department working to support them in the area of health and safety • Working to try to get immunization rates up • Serves as Head Start health consultant as well 	
<p>Department of Children, Youth, and Family (DCYF)</p> <p><i>Update from Jennifer Helseth</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care providers needing MMR – recommendation is to just get the MMR vaccine if you are unsure, rather than the titer. Because it is cheaper and faster. Child care providers are able to get the vaccine for free at certain pharmacies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Now 19 sites in the state for free vaccinations. ○ About 1000 people have already taken advantage of the system ○ Will be available for a full 12 months ○ If you are “involved in child care” you can get the immunization at no cost ○ List of sites is on the DOH website • Child Care Health Consultation – there was a request in the last legislative season to put a report together – it was not introduced until the last day of session. There is interest from legislators to talk about it. Putting regional health hubs into preschool development grant. • Infant Nurse Consultant Reporting – Website is up and running. New WAC for requirement for reporting by nurses. Jennifer has not sent anything official out yet because they are still working on the kinks – currently a survey monkey system to gather data once a month. Right now just trying to get information from the nurses and what they are doing. Don't want any identifiable information in it (like children's names). 770 centers in the state licensed to serve infants. 	<p>Child Care Health Consultant reporting requirement –</p> <p>https://dcyf.wa.gov/services/early-learning-providers/cchc</p> <p>If there are other ideas or comments about health and safety at DCYF, please email Jennifer at Jennifer.helseth@dcyf.wa.gov.</p>
<p>DCYF Child Care Regulations</p> <p><i>Presenter – Maggie O'Connor, Child Care Licensing Area Administrator for Region 6</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region 6 = Port Angeles to Vancouver minus pierce county, Skamania, Previously licensing supervisor for Aberdeen area. <p>How are questions answered from the field related to health and safety answered?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Internal quality assurance group (licensors, administrators, executives) – questions get sent to this group. When the answers are agreed upon, the answers are posted on the website on the Q&A site. Providers and licensors get the same answers. ○ Some questions still have capacity to be answered at the local level as appropriate. ○ Are there licensed medical professionals on the health and safety committee? When there are questions specific to health and safety, we have worked with others like the department of health or other specialists that we can gain additional information from. ○ Do you feel like you have all the help you need or would it be helpful to have specialists at the ready? Yes and no. ○ Is there a process for child care health consultants to come back to licensing when they 	<p>DCYF FAQ Website</p> <p>https://dcyf.wa.gov/services/early-learning-providers/standards-alignment/faq</p> <p>Send questions about the WACs to:</p> <p>dcyf.waqanda@dcyf.wa.gov and also cc Jennifer Helseth at Jennifer.helseth@dcyf.wa.gov</p>

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	<p>hear information that may not be in line with health? It depends on who is interpreting the WACs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If there is a health professional working with a provider and the provider says that the licensor made a statement – maybe the health professional should call the licensor directly. This may be the best first step. Then the licensing supervisor. ○ If there is something on the FAQs that is concerning – let Jennifer Helseth know. You can also use the general email and include the regulation number in the subject line. <p>How DCYF has an internal QA group that doesn't have a license health care professional?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DCYF needs to make the decision on how to interpret the WACs ○ If most of the WACs are related to health and safety, where are the health and safety professionals at DCYF? <p>Health Specialist Role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Now back up to 4 health specialists (not enough) ○ These are the go-to people ○ Role is to no longer health and safety technical assistance, but to help child cares get ready for licensing – ○ Will accompany the licensor on the initial or initial-to-full inspection. Can also include best practice vs what is a requirement ○ Plan review for new providers ○ Emergent situations – ○ Not experts on everything – contact to local experts when necessary ○ Communicable disease – when a child care provider calls their licensor with a communicable disease report, the licensor may contact the health specialist to make sure they are doing the right thing. <p>Licensing Inspection Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When a licensor goes out, they do a monitoring visit. There are 4 different monitoring reports. The inspection report form/checklist is generated by the computer system. ○ There are different risk levels associated with the risk (immediate, long term, short term, none). During the initial, licensors are checking whether the WACs are in the right risk levels. ○ When a licensor finds something out of compliance, it pushes over to the inspection report (rather than the previous way of putting it on a compliance report or FLICA). Non-compliance high risk items must be corrected onsite or by next business day. Less severe items will go on a technical assistance section. ○ Annual talking points will change each inspection. ○ Approach is very different than in the past. Licensors are learning a totally new system. When they are going out, they are “assuming compliance.” ○ If something is not on the annual monitoring checklist, they are not looking for it. Immediate 	<p>Where to find licensor information? For a specific center, you can their licensor's name and contact information on Child Care Check: https://www.findchildcarewa.org</p> <p>Health Specialists - Tony Grenado – SW Lalaine Diaz – NW Yvonne Lewis – Eastern New person – Eastern</p>

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	<p>risk items are on every monitoring checklist.</p> <p>Waivers and Variances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waivers are very similar to previous exceptions (example would be for school-age director requirements who may take longer for compliance or have taken a different path). ○ Variance – I meet the intent of the WAC but in a different way. Many from ECEAP sites or Montessori schools. These go to a group to help with consistency. The decisions are then shared with the rest of the licensing group. <p>Licensing frequency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Every child care must have a visit between now and the end of the fiscal year (June 30). July and August – no licensing visits were conducted. ○ Licensing visits are annual. <p>HeadStart/ECEAP Licensing Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Keeps changing ○ Have had a lot of ECEAP providers become licensed within the last few years. ○ When they do become licensed, they must follow the same licensing requirements as everyone else. ○ Maggie will check on requirements of who must get licensed, when must a program get licensed, part of government institution (school district, tribal, college) are in an exemption position – clarify who can be exempt from licensing requirements ○ If a program does not meet the RCW exemption from licensing, they cannot request a waiver to licensing all together. 	
<p>Next Steps</p> <p><i>Group discussion</i></p>	<p>Group took time to discuss different issues around health and safety input into DCYF including rules development and interpretation, training, resources shared with child cares, etc.</p> <p>History - When the Department of Early Learning was founded, there was an agreement between DOH and DEL that early learning belonged to DEL and health belonged to DOH. As the system has changed and public health's role has shifted away from direct service, the health role has been diminished over time.</p> <p>Discussion about CSHEL writing a letter to advocate for health input into DCYF processes</p> <p>Infant Nurse Training specific to Washington State with our WACs - where to host, who to write it, CSHEL to review it</p> <p>If most of the WACs are centered on health and safety issues, who is providing the technical assistance in the areas of health and safety? Should be a health consultant system.</p>	<p>If anyone is interested in taking more of a leadership role in CSHEL, please contact Danette Glassy.</p>

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Next Meeting	Next scheduled CSHEL meeting will be Friday, January 17, 2020, 9am – 12pm, at PSESD, Renton and online via Zoom.	