

Minutes
Home Advisory Committee Meeting
October 26, 2010

Members' Participating in today's meeting: Debbie Sampson, Melanie Brizzi, Noel Hanson Tammy Dunn, Christine Simpson, Maria Wynne, Lena Burns, Jaime Jones and Coleen Land

Guests: Melissa Chalman , Representing IACCRR

Absent Members: Raneer Armstrong, Kathy Bradley, Karen Burnside-Strack, Heather Colglazier, Ann Conner, Jennifer DeLucio, Sabrina Harris, Brenda Kennedy, Rebecca Kenworthy, Stephanie McKinstry, Tamela Hunt (called but couldn't stay), Bev Lozier & Joey Scherschel (neither had power at their home)

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Minutes from July 27, 2010 meeting.

Current Topics & Concerns:

Nominations for President and Vice President

Discussion began in regards to the positions of President and Vice President, due to the participation rate of today's meeting it was suggested by Tammy Dunn that we table the topic till the next meeting so that all members could have an active vote. Debbie Sampson stated she would send out an email to all HAC members for everyone's input.

Future dates of HAC meetings:

The following dates were read and approved for future HAC meetings.

January 25, 2011
April 26, 2011
July 26, 2011
October 25, 2011

The meetings will all be from 1 – 3 and you can call in on the conference line or come to the Indiana Government Center South in Rm 130.

Legislative Child Care Committee Presentation Report

Noel Hanson stated that the presentation went well. One of the main issues was the Ministries and the lack of regulations regarding their operations. Melanie and Debbie both stated that for Legislation to pass such guidelines we must all do our part and contact our Legislative Reps and stress the importance of Ministries having standards in place just like Centers and Homes. We must stress the Urgency of such actions. Items to include but not limited to: National Criminal History, Ratios, Minimum Age of Caregivers, Health and Safety, etc. Melanie asked that we email Legislation and thank them for their support of laws regulating Child Care Ministries. Remember to stress that Health and Safety is a key point to getting Legislation to pass such regulations.

Facebook

Noel Hanson has set up a Facebook page for a place for providers, parents and anyone who cares for children. Find it under the name **INDIANA LICENSED CHILD CARE HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE** Maria Wynne suggest we ask the local R&R's to list our Facebook page as a resource tool.

PTQ Concerns and Discussion

Jaime Jones discussed her concerns in educating the Professional sector regarding the importance of PTQ and the benefits that families and children receive from licensed home child care. She stated her concerns that professionals (ex: pediatricians) are suggesting to parents that placement in a center setting is more beneficial. It was suggested that perhaps we could better educate the general public what PTQ is and the benefits of participation. Melanie and Debbie both stated that they indeed have begun to address this with professionals by educating the community and further information is being rolled out presently.

Tammy Dunn discussed the lack of Voluntary Status being placed in the news media in regards to PTQ. It was agreed that unfortunately the news media (newspapers) are not always forthcoming with information but it was stated that all news releases that FSSA has control over does indeed state that PTQ is a voluntary rating system.

Noel Hanson discussed the difficulties of obtaining the PTQ levels due to financial costs. While Lena Burns stated the administrative issues to remain at a current level or moving ahead with the program causes issues. Concerns were made in regards to training and trainers interpretations.

Training

Available trainings around the state are listed at www.earlychildhoodmeetingplace.com This is a great informational tool listing all places and times trainings are offered.

It was asked if there could be more 4, 6 or even 8 hr block of trainings offered on Saturdays to have more options and credit hours earned at a time. Melissa Chalman stated that when IACCRR sent out their needs assessment 90% of requested trainings were asked to be evening sessions. She suggested that we ask the Education Coordinators at our local R&R's to offer weekend courses.

The question of costs of trainings was brought up and asked who pays for trainings for those of us that have staff members. Some stated they pay for their staff and others don't.

Melissa from IACCRR asked what paperwork was the most time consuming to providers. Christine Simpson stated that training hours was a concern and asked what systems were available to better track sessions attended.

Coleen Land had concerns that TEACH was not approving training sessions and that some sessions were available to Center- based staff. Melanie asked Coleen to email her so she could further look into her situation.

Provider Responses

Citations shall remain for 3 years.

Next Meeting:

January 25, 2011 Conference Rm 130 at 1pm Indiana Government Center South