

MINUTES
Inclusive Child Care Committee
August 14, 2008

Attending:

Diana Kruse, OCCRRN; Yihyun Jang, Multnomah County CCRR; Kathy Seubert, DHS Addictions & Mental Health Division; Pam Deardorff, WOU Teaching Research; Kim Cardona, Oregon Commission on Children and Families; Dianna Pickett, DHS Office of Family Health; Lorine Day-Reynolds, Inclusive Child Care Program; Terry Butler, Inclusive Child Care Program.

1. Work Plan Review

The committee completed its twice annual review of the work plan. The updated version is attached with these minutes. Key points from the discussion are listed below.

Parent Meeting

The committee will revisit the idea of a parent meeting at the January 2009 meeting. There is still interest in sponsoring an opportunity to hear from a range of parents on their child care challenges and successes. The work group formed for this part of the plan will bring notes to the January meeting.

Options for Participating on the Inclusive Child Care Committee

Committee members want to increase the number of individuals involved with the committee. The committee is especially interested in having more involvement from parents, child care providers, and people from outside the Willamette Valley.

There will be two options for participating on the committee: 1) attend regular meetings and participate on work groups; and 2) be on a contact list for minutes and other information. The second option will allow interested people to be informed about committee issues. They can then provide input or participate on work groups as they are interested and able.

Terry will update the committee's purpose statement and an invitation to new members. This will include the list of accomplishments on the back of the work plan. The group will approve these at the September meeting. The committee will approve final member and contact list at November 2008 meeting.

Opening Doors Inclusion Training

The committee will discuss a home and key partners for Opening Doors at the November meeting.

2. Inclusive Child Care Inventory Recommendations

Lorine shared the second draft of themes and recommendations from the Inventory Project. These were based on information from the project's community meetings, interviews and surveys. The first draft was reviewed and revised by the Inventory Work Group.

The committee discussed the following points about the project information:

- The findings identified many of the same barriers and issues that had been raised by previous efforts. This shows the need for ongoing work to address the child care issues affecting families, providers and communities.
- The findings show that there has been significant progress. There are more resources available than existed 10 years ago.
- Committee members agreed to make it clear that recommendations flow from and reflect Inventory information, review by the work group and committee, and the experience and knowledge of Inclusive Child Care Program staff and advisors involved with the project.
- The Inventory findings, based on the Caring Communities model, reinforced the need to integrate supports to accessible, inclusive child care. One example: a payment source for higher cost care is less effective if parents cannot find someone to provide the care.

After discussing the themes and recommendations, committee members agreed to provide any further review or comments within 2 weeks. This will be the final opportunity to comment before the report is finalized.

3. Inclusive Child Care Program Overview

The committee postponed the overview. A September meeting will be added to focus on the overview.