

NIH Child Care Board Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2010
Bldg 1, Wilson Hall

Members in Attendance: Valerie Durrant, Julie Berko, Kelli Carrington, Angela Magliozzi, Brian Rabin, Rosalind King, Jason Levine, Heather Rogers, Sheri Schully, Lisa Strauss, Conrad Farina, Joslyn Kravitz, Adam Lee, Mary Ellen Savarese, Bea Curl, Tonya Lee

Conference Call: Hillary Fitis, Robin Kastenmayer

Members Absent: Susan Persons

Center Liaisons Attending: POPI: Paulina Alvarado, Michele Frank, ECDC: Anne Schmitz, Dawn Gerhart, ChildKind: Jaydah Wilson, Amy Cliber, Peter Schuck

Guest: Dr. Rebecca Berman, ChildKind

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Valerie Durant welcomed everyone present in person and via phone. Chair Durant noted that the meeting would be from 10:00 am to 11:00 am and from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm Committee meetings would occur.

II. Approval - Minutes for December 2009

Chair Durrant remarked that the minutes are the official records of the Child Care Board and it is important that they are correct. There were a few minor changes. She thanked the members for their careful review of the minutes. Chair Durrant called for a vote to approve the minutes with changes from the December 2009 meeting. The minutes were approved.

III. Report from Chair—Annual Report Valerie Durrant

Chair Durrant stated the Annual Report will be sent to Dr. Collins in a few days. She thanked everyone that assisted in the careful editing of the report. The Annual Report will be distributed to the Board and then distributed to the NIH Community. The Board will also receive sample “letters of support” in case they participate on committees or interest groups that would like to show support for the recommendations. Chair Durrant reminded the Board of the recommendations:

- Increase capacity of sponsored NIH child care space: continue to support the Northwest Child Care Center and additional off campus space.
- Back-up Care/Dependant Care: 3 year pilot program.
- Increase funding for the Subsidy program and adopt new Household cap and subsidy percent.
- Support changes at NIH that permit flexibility and innovative work/life balance options.

IV. Resource and Referral—Bea Curl

Ms. Curl asked the Board to please distribute information about the comprehensive Resource and Referral Service. Current data shows the program is underutilized. The Child Care Team is working with the contractor, LifeWork Strategies, to ensure proper reporting of usage. If the numbers do not increase, ORS may not be able to justify the service.

A Dependent Care global email message was released on January 5, 2010. There were 15 calls on that day alone. The Child Care Team is reaching out to other groups, such as EAP, to collaborate on advertising all services that support the NIH community. By working with other offices, we are able to advertise our programs/services to a broader audience. Board members were asked to keep their eyes open for opportunities to advertise and to notify the Child Care Team so they can make contact with the Institute or event planner.

It was suggested to post information in Lactation rooms. The Lactation program contract is located in the Office of Research Services/Occupation Medical Services. There was a request that the Board receive a report on the Lactation program at a future Board meeting.

V. Parenting Festival 2010—Brian Rabin

The Parenting Festival Committee met on January 11, 2010. Participation for the 2009 event was 100 participants less than the 2008 event. It was speculated that the low number was due to several factors: bad weather, Take Your Child to Work Day was the next day, and little to no giveaways. There were 10 Institutes, 9 services, and 2 county resources. Evaluations from participants and presenters were very favorable. There were 3 Parenting Seminars leading up to the Parenting Festival: Ten Concepts Every Working Parent Needs to Know, Childhood Anxiety Disorder, & Cyber Safety.

The 8th Annual Parenting Festival will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2010. Take Your Child to Work will be held the week prior on April 22, 2010. The event will be held 11am to 2 pm in Building 50. Space has already been reserved for the Parenting Seminars to be webcasted from Bldg 31 6C/Room 10 on April 7th, 14th, 21st. Topics that were discussed were: Legal Issues, How to Talk to Your Boss about Family Issues, It's a Noisy Planet, Immunizations, Childhood Obesity, and Developmental Delays. Efforts will be made to get presenters from the NIH Community. It was proposed that the NIH Child Care Board will be placed at the "welcome" table. The event poster will be re-designed to reflect the true spirit of the event.

At the December Board Meeting it was discussed to change the focus of the Parenting Festival from Institute/Center to topics. The Committee looked at this issue at many angles and decided that the focus should remain on the individual Institutes.

The Committee discussed the space and time restraints of the Parenting Festival and felt in order to do the 20th Anniversary well; it would need to be a separate event. Brian Rabin has offered to chair or co-chair this committee. The Committee did consider moving the Parenting Festival to Natcher in order to merge the two celebrations, but space was not available.

VI. Northwest Child Care Center Update—Conrad Farina, OD/ORF

Mr. Farina stated that the Facility Project Approval Agreement (FPAA) was expected to be approved by the end of February. There are many issues involving the site. Ms. Savarese commented that the Board had a champion that made sure it was in the NIH

budget request. She also thanked the Office of Research Facilities and its relentless efforts in giving information to the NIH Leadership that resulted in keeping the project on the agenda.

VII. Announcements and Board Meeting Adjourned

Tonya Lee announced the Summer Camp Events were a huge success. The 2010 Summer Camp Events were held on 4 days. The number of guides distributed surpassed the number for last year for a total of 426. The Summer Camp Guide is still available on the NIH Child Care website. Ms. Lee also reminded the Board that the Resource and Referral flyers are also accessible on the website by clicking on the title of service. Joslyn Kravitz mentioned the Anniversary of the Office of Women Health is being celebrated the week of May 10, 2010. Mary Ellen Savarese updated the Board on the status of the Plain Language Award suggested by Lisa Strauss. Ms. Savarese stated the Board was nominated for the award because of its efforts and recommendations that were made to improve the NIH Child Care website.

**The next meeting will be March 11, 2010
Natcher, Room D**