

NIH Child Care Board Meeting Minutes
January 15, 200
Building 31 Conference Room 7

Members in Attendance: Valerie Durrant, Jayne Lura-Brown, Henry Primas, Heather Rogers, Hillary Fitis, Rosalind King, Kim Plascjak, Lisa Strauss, Angela Magliozzi, Rachel Weinstein, Joslyn Kravitz, Mary Ellen Savarese, Tonya Lee; Lynne Kartsakalis, Conrad Farina, James Pickel.

Members Absent: Christie Espinoza, Sheri Schully, Brian Rabin, Susan Persons

Center Liaisons Attending: Paulina Alvarado, POPI, Anne Schmitz, Beth Levy, ECDC, Jaydah Wilson, Child Kind

- I. Welcome and Introductions** - Chair Durrant welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked Rosalind King for agreeing to present an overview of the NICHD Work Family Grants and Research Initiatives.
- II. Approval of Minutes for December** - Chair Durrant called for a vote to approve the minutes from the December 2008 meeting. Minutes were approved with grammatical corrections.
- III. Report from Chair** - Chair Durrant stated that the Board needed to consider what action the Board should take to support the reinstatement of the Child Care Resource and Referral Service.
- IV. Update from Lynn Kartsakalis, Director of the NIH Work Life Center** - Ms. Kartsakalis stated the decision for cancelling the Resource and Referral (R&R) Service was based on budget constraints and utilization of service. Ms. Katsivalis agreed that the service was valuable to NIH employees, however based on the other services the Work Life Center offered and the usage of those services, the R&R did not have the numbers to support continued funding in light of current budget. The R&R services include child care, dependent care, legal and financial referrals. In the near future, the Work Life Center will be moving off campus to an Executive Boulevard location. Ms. Kartsakalis has received many emails and calls from employees voicing their concern about the cancellation of the service. She also informed the Board that at this time the NIH Lactation Program is fully funded until FY 2010. The Board had a lively discussion on the next steps the Board should take. It was decided that Chair Durrant would write a letter to Dr. Kington on behalf of the Board expressing concern and hopes for a reinstatement of the service.
- V. Overview of NICHD Work Family Grants and Research Initiatives by Rosalind King** - Work-Family Research supported by NICHD focuses on the Work and Family Dilemma. Demographic changes in the family and workforce have complicated resource provisions. NIH cares about these changes because (1) Stress is a physical and mental health issue; (2) Quality of parenting and child development; (3) Quality of workforce in health care; and (4) Prevention of injuries.

NICHD has two main types of research: Investigator-initiated and Solicited extramural research.

- **Investigator-Initiated extramural research**
 - 60 to 70% of NIH extramural research
 - Three studies: (1) Children with Chronic Health Conditions: Family Impact, (2) Patterns of Father Involvement in Low Income Families and (3) Work-Related Travel: Effects on Health and Family

- **Solicited Research: SEED**
 - joint efforts between NICHD, NIMH, NIDA, and NIAAA
 - alerts the fields that NIH is interested in the research but provides no special review or funding
 - Two studies: (1) Maternal Work Schedules/Parenting and Child Development and (2) Work, Family, and Health Network

- **Challenges to Research in this field**
 - Selection into industries, job types, and child care situations
 - Retention/attrition within jobs and child care situations
 - Reciprocal effects between jobs and child care
 - Need interdisciplinary knowledge-no one field does it all and does it well
 - Difficult to translate with necessary caveats

VI. Announcements and Adjourn - Tonya Lee distributed the 2009 Camp Guide and encouraged attendees to stop by the Camp Fair outside of Building 31 cafeteria for additional information.

The next meeting will be March 12, 2009 at Rockledge II