WASHOE COUNTY CHILD CARE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

DATE: September 23, 2019

PLACE: Washoe County Commissioners' Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Hayley Hamel, Child Development Specialist
Shiho Schmidt, Recipient of Child Care Services
Sylvia Lee, Reno Fire Department
Jeff Brasel, Washoe County Health District (on behalf of Kim Franchi)
Kathy Sobrio, Washoe County Health District – Immunization Program
Julieta Ferraren, Recipient of Child Care Services (New)
Kristy Baker, Washoe County Human Services Agency

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Glaiza Giron, For Profit Child Care Provider (Home)
Ryan Putzer, For Profit Child Care provider (Center)
Kristen Mareno, For Profit Child Care Provider (Center)
Alexis Erlach, Recipient of Child Care Services
Kim Tran Franchi, Washoe County Health District – Environmental Health
Chris McCubbins, Sparks Fire Department
Tiffany Dyer, Nevada State Division of Child and Family Services

Item 1: Roll Call
The meeting was called to order, and roll was taken.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes of March 14, 2019 Meeting
The minutes of the March 14, 2019 meeting were approved.

Item 3: Recruitment to Fill Vacant Board Position (Kristy Baker)
Kristy Baker introduced and welcomed Julieta Ferraran as filling one of the two vacant board positions as a recipient of child care. Julieta provided some of her background as a mother of 5 children as well as an employee of the child care center that 4 of her children attend (Roots & Wings Christian Preschool) and Julieta is also a student in the Early Childhood Education program at Truckee Meadows Community College. Kristy Baker recognized and thanked Shiho Schmidt for her 8 years of membership on the board and presented her with a Certificate of Recognition as her term officially ends November 2019. Shiho spoke out sharing that when she started on the board, her oldest child was 4 years old, and he is now 12. She thanked the board for the opportunity and all that she has learned over the years. Kristy also introduced Harmony Shreve from the audience who will be joining the board replacing Shiho Schmidt's position as of November 2019. Harmony is a provider of home child care in Incline Village, Nevada. Kristy talked about the board members whose 1st term positions will be coming up for renewal (or will become

vacant) in February and June 2020. Hayley Hamel's 1st term expires in February 2020, Ryan Putzer's 1st term also expires in February 2020 and Kristen Mareno's 1st term also expires in February 2020. Sylvia Lee's 1st term expires in June of 2020. Kristy stated that she would be grateful to have each of these members continue on to a 2nd term on the board and hopes they all will continue on to a 2nd term. Kristy advised that the board is still in need of one more board member who is a recipient of child care and asked that if anyone knows of someone they can recommend to please let her know, as Kristy would very much like to have a complete board panel. Kristy mentioned that there is a possibility that Kim Tran Franchi may be retiring from the board and that her position may become open for being filled. Jeff Brasel stated that Kim's board status has yet to be determined and that if that happens, he will strongly consider taking over her position on the board. Kristy again would be grateful for that and feels that having a representative from the Health District is very much needed component of the board. Kristy would gladly welcome Jeff or another member from the Health District remaining on the board.

Item 4: Grading System Updates (Kristy Baker)

Kristy Baker discussed that she included in the packet what she received from The State from their recent meeting that she and Karen Micklish attended. Kristy mentioned that child care providers may want to voice their questions, concerns, ideas, etc. at that next meeting, as the grading system is supposed to be coming in to effect soon. Kristy stated that there is still some confusion about this grading system, so she strongly recommends that anyone working in child care attend the upcoming meeting in December 2019 for a better understanding. Kristy advised that she and Karen asked that the State make things as clear as possible in order for everyone to be able to be in compliance. Kristy strongly encouraged that everyone take a good look at what she provided to them. Board member Haley Hamel asked if there was still room to amend these. Kristy stated that the State representatives took feedback and notes at that meeting, and they are going to try to come back with specifics that meet everyone's needs. Kristy asked Jeff Brasel how the Health Division handed out those grades, and Jeff stated that the Health Department had, in fact, discontinued using the grading system and that they are going to a Pass/Fail system - mainly in food establishments. Jeff mentioned that the Health Division would need to integrate this grading system back in to their standards during inspections. Kristy is unclear if the grade will remain with the provider throughout the year until the next inspection or if it would be adjustable throughout the year – for example if the provider had a complaint and the department had to go out and do an inspection – would the grade change again. It was pointed out about QRIS having different standards.

Item 5: Staff to Child Ratio – Regulation 24.4.A.3 (Kristy Baker)

Kristy Baker pointed out the new regulations specific to a child care home appear to be less restrictive than the old regulations. It reads that home providers can now have 2 children under the age of 1 and 4 children under the age of 3. So, potentially one home provider could end up having 6 children under the age of 2. Kristy mentioned Washoe County can be more restrictive than what the state regulations read but cannot be less restrictive. Kristy asked Sylvia Lee from Reno Fire Department if this new regulation could be a safety issue as far as what the fire department allows. Sylvia Lee stated she would like to look at the old language and talk to the Fire Marshalls and then get together with Washoe County Licensing Workers to make a determination. Kristy will make contact with Latisha Brown at the

state for more verification and copy in Sylvia Lee, Reno Fire Department as well and bring it the next board meeting in March 2020.

Item 6: CDC Guidelines Regarding Discarding Break Milk – Regulation 17.11.H.18
Kristy Baker turned the discussion over to Board member Haley Hamel who brought the question forward about Washoe County regulations being different from the CDC recommendations regarding discarding of breast milk time frames and inquired if it could possibly be changed. Washoe County regulations state that any expressed breast milk needs to be discarded if it is an unsanitary bottle and has been unrefrigerated for 1 hour or more or if the breast milk has been fed over a period of time longer than 1 hour from the beginning of the feeding. The CDC website states that the recommendation is that any breast milk not consumed within 2 hours of the when the baby finished feeding needed to be discarded. Haley asked if possibly the health department had any reason to be more restrictive than the CDC's recommendation. Jeff Brasel stated that the health department did not and their only concern was with proper labeling and temperature storage of the breast milk. Kristy asked Jeff if there was any difference between freshly pumped breastmilk versus refrigerated or frozen. Jeff stated no, that they would follow the CDC's guidelines and confirmed they would be okay with the 2 hours and referred to the flow chart the CDC has. Kristy confirmed that Washoe County could ask that their regulation be changed to coincide with the CDC, referring to the CDC's Regulation 17.11.H.18 (b) and (c) stating 2 hours for our regulations to be changed to 2 hours. State Regulations would need to be verified to make sure that this change would not be less restrictive. If state regulations don't state this, we will look to make a recommendation for change at the next board meeting.

Item 7: Department Update (Kristy Baker)
Kristy Baker introduced Maggie Moore, WCHSA's new child care licensing worker to WCHSA. Kristy announced that Elise Henriques and Jamie Taylor will be retiring in December & January after 30 years of service. Jamie Taylor has been in child care licensing for 19-20 years and Elise Henriques for over 10 years. Elise and Jamie will be greatly missed, but Kristy wished them nothing but the best in their future adventures. Kristy advised that the department is using Pierre Marche and Matt Polley to investigate unlicensed child care reports and that she hopes the department will bring on at least1one more licensing worker to replace Jamie & Elise in 2020, but potentially two more licensing workers. Kristy gave a shout out to Anne Dahms, Office Support Specialist who is cross training Dayna Berry, part of the clerical support staff in child care licensing, on taking over the duties pertaining to running the WCCAB meetings and introduced Dayna to the board and audience members. Kristy announced that Foster Care Licensing added another licensing worker as well.

Item 8: Next Meeting Date March 12, 2020 from 9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.

Item 9: Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda
Prior to public comment, Kristy Baker wanted to point out some items not on the agenda. Kristy advised that she has been given some materials from The Children's Cabinet regarding nutrition, which is good information for providers, and asked that Haley Hamel take some for her center and that everyone present

could take those materials from the table as they leave tonight's meeting. Kristy mentioned that the licensing workers are trying to distribute the materials to centers as they visit them as well.

There were no further questions or comments from either the public or the Board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30p.m.