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Child Care Expansion Grant Review Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 13, 2022

Time: 9:00 AM-10:00 AM

Committee Members: Sarah Griffin, ~~Emily Allen~~, Beth Oppenheimer, ~~Erika Rupp~~, Anna Almerico, Ben Davidson, Caroline Merritt

Staff: Wendi Secrist, Paige Nielebeck, Amanda Ames

Guests: Aubrie Hunt

Called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Welcome

Roll Call – Quorum Met

Review Agenda – No changes to the agenda

Review May 31, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mr. Davidson to approve the May 31, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Second by Ms. Oppenheimer. Motion carried.

***Child Care Expansion Grant Rubric**

As of yesterday, there were 44 applications in draft. Ms. Ames has been receiving many calls and emails with questions about the program. There are over 300 individuals who have made contact in some way to learn about the program.

Ms. Ames reviewed the draft childcare expansion grant rubric and the Committee made changes. Please see attached document.

Discussion:

Is anyone able to access information about entity complaints?

- Yes, anyone can access the site and find the information.

The eligibility section is something that each individual committee member will not fill out. Ms. Ames will fill it out. This helps ensure these are consistent.

Is the program intended for the child care entity or the business to apply for the grant?

- The grant must go to the entity that is owning and operating the facility.
- E.g., Micron is going to contract out the operations of the center, but they are going to own the facility. We would want Micron to be the applicant in this case.
- The wording on the rubric needs to be clearer about this.

What is the difference between generally and loosely?

- That language can be changed.
- It could be minimally. That is clearer.

The Committee wants to be able to rate how well the applicant is meeting the needs most sought in their community.

The licensing requirement should be at the top of the rubric. It is a yes or no answer.

In the application, the entity must provide pay rates. The WDC could then look up the average or median wage in that region to compare. It is important to know if the employer is paying a competitive salary.

- The other thing to consider is if the entity is offering benefits. This is something that is lacking in child care.

Ms. Ames and Ms. Secrist will make all the suggested edits and send out the revised rubric to the Committee.

FAQ Discussion

This item will be moved to a future meeting.

Scheduling Monthly Meetings

It is a struggle to find time to meet.

People have the most flexibility on Fridays. Looking at mornings would be best.

The Committee would like to try to meet the second and fourth Fridays of every month, starting on August 12.

Motion by Mr. Davidson to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.