

## **VA Child Day Care Council**

**General Assembly Building  
3rd<sup>st</sup> floor conference room  
Richmond, VA 23219**

**November 11, 2010**

### **9:00 a.m.**

Dr. Geldmaker reviewed the Mildly Ill Section of the regulation with members.

### ***Members Present***

Shirlie Anson, William Harvey, Kristi Snyder, Bethany Geldmaker, Henk de Jager, Jack Knapp, Kimberly Hulcher, Rosemary Burton, Katie Humphrey, Novella Ruffin, Mary Cole, Nancy Smith, Rose Ann Smythe, Ellen Nau, Irene Carney, Liz Dowdy, Karlis Graubics, Paula Eubanks, and Bryan Rhode

### ***Absent***

Tracy Cox, Linda Janulis, John Purnell, and Margaret Collins

### **10:00 a.m. Call to Order**

Chair Kristi Snyder called the Council meeting to order.

### **Welcome & Introductions**

Members and presenters were thanked for attending. Paula Eubank, Karlis Graubics, and Bryan Rhode, newest Council appointees were recognized.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Approval of Agenda**

Jan Sigler reviewed the agenda.

***ON MOTION DULY MADE (Mr. Harvey) and seconded (Mr. Knapp) moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved with all in favor.***

### **Minutes**

***ON MOTION DULY MADE (Mr. Knapp) and seconded (Mr. Harvey) moved to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting. Motion approved with all in favor.***

### **Delegation of Authority**

Karin Clark, Regulatory Coordinator advised that actions taken by the Council undergo executive review by the Department of Planning and Budget, Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the Governor's Office. During the course of the review, technical, non-substantive edits may be needed in order for the actions to continuing moving forward in the process.

To facilitate efficient movement of regulatory actions through the process, the Council was asked to approve a Delegation of Authority, authorizing the Department's Regulatory Coordinator to make these technical, non-substantive changes to regulations that are necessary for executive review and approval. The changes will be made only with the concurrence of the Council's counsel.

***ON MOTION DULY MADE (Mr. Harvey) and seconded, (Ms. Smith) moved to approve the Department Legislative Coordinator to make technical, non-substantive changes to regulations that are necessary for executive review and approval; changes will be made only with the concurrence of the Council's counsel. Motion approved with all in favor.***

#### **Nominating Committee Appointment**

William Harvey, Shirlie Anson, and Nancy Smith were appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee. The Chair requested they meet during lunch and report on selection of a Secretary this afternoon. This is necessary as Letitia Clark-Wilkins was not reappointed to serve on the Council.

#### **Information Items**

##### **Virginia Star Quality Initiative**

Morgan Green, Director of the Virginia Star Quality Initiative for the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation advised the Virginia Star Quality Initiative is a system to assess, improve, and communicate the level of quality in early care and education settings that families consider for their children. The VSQI was created to provide a consistent way to distinguish the level of quality in early care and education programs, allowing parents to make more informed choices. In addition, early learning providers who participate in this completely voluntary program are provided with a way to continually improve the quality of their services. Handouts are attached to the original minutes housed in the home office.

#### **Retirement Presentation**

The Council recognized Richard Martin for his service to the Council. Mr. Martin was presented with gifts from the various regions of the state where Council members reside. Mr. Martin officially retired from the state on September 1 after more than 35 years of service.

#### **Public Comment**

None

#### **Nominating Committee Report**

***On behalf of the Nominating Committee, and ON MOTION DULY MADE (Mr. Harvey), moved to approve Henk de Jager to serve as Secretary. Motion approved with all in favor.***

### **Chair's Remarks**

Ms. Snyder advised that the terms of 7 members will expire in June; of these 7, 5 may seek reappointment. Members were encouraged to contact the Office of the Secretary and apply for reappointment via their website.

She advised that Mr. Altizer would not be in attendance today, due to the passing of his father.

### **Future Meeting Dates**

There will not be a January 13, 2011 meeting of the Council  
Council agreed to add April 7 and June 2 meeting dates to their 2011 Meeting Schedule to ensure they have ample time to complete the work on their regulation.

RAP 4 will meet following today's meeting and again on November 17 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Pat Rengnerth will handle the meeting site details and advise members.  
RAP 3 will meet on November 18 from 9-4. This meeting will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the VDSS home office.

### **Council Check In**

Ms. Nau – go to the Dept. of Aging website to review proposals regarding barriers to kinship care.

Mr. Knapp- retired as Executive Director from his organization after 30 years. His retirement gift was a cruise to Alaska.

Dr. Geldmaker reminded members to get their flu shots, and to frequently wash hands to prevent spread of germs. Exercise and eating healthy can reduce the chances of getting the flu by 40 percent. She advised children should be current with receiving vaccines. There is a new whooping cough vaccine for teens and adults. New immunization documentation will be released today.

She advised that bedbugs have been found in about 10 facilities. Local Health Departments can provide further information.

Ms. Smythe advised they are doing their annual fund raiser this weekend. Proceeds will provide scholarships for needy families.

Ms. Dowdy advised that more and more centers are coming to them for training.

Mr. Graubics looks forward to working with the Council. He owns five centers and is underway constructing number 6 in Varina.

Mr. Rhode remarked that he found everyone extremely welcoming and looks forward to working with the Council.

Mr. de Jager advised his supervisor suffered a massive heart attack and asked he be kept in prayers. He referred to legislation the Y is taking to General Assembly regarding use of playground after hours versus being used during school hours. He will forward a copy of the legislation to Ms. Rengnerth for distribution to Council.

Ms. Eubanks thanked everyone for their warm welcome. She plans to do a future presentation on Code changes that may affect day care facilities.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the Council meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m. Orientation of new members and the RAP 4 meeting will begin immediately following full Council adjournment.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Rengnerth.