

IRMC MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2020 - DRAFT Townsend Building Third Floor Conference Room

The Interagency Resource Management Committee meeting was held at the Department of Education, Townsend Building, Third Floor Conference Room on January 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Emily Cunningham (DOE), Secretary Kara Walker (DHSS), Mary Nash Wilson (OMB), Ruth Ann Jones (Controller General's Office), Tina Shockley (OEL), Regina Sidney-Brown (DE Afterschool Network) and Wendy Strauss (Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens).

On the phone were Secretary Josette Manning (DSCYF), Madeleine Bayard (Chair, DECC), Dr. Kim Krzanowski (OEL), Caitlin Gleason (OEL), Kirsten Olson (Children & Families First), Donna Snyder-White (United Way of DE), and Elizabeth Ritchie (DTCC).

Emily Cunningham, who was serving on the Chair's behalf (Secretary Bunting), asked for approval of the October 16, 2019 meeting minutes. Secretary Walker made that motion, seconded by Ruth Ann Jones. Committee members unanimously supported the motion ultimately approving the minutes.

Next, IRMC members reviewed the nominations for two members to fill vacancies on the Delaware Early Childhood Council (DECC). First, Kirsten Olson, Executive Director of Children and Families First, was nominated to serve as the representative of a statewide early care and education resource and referral agency. Second, Dr. Matthew Burrows, Superintendent of Appoquinimink School District, was nominated to serve as the Public School District Superintendent on the Council. A vote was taken separately on each nomination. A motion was made by Secretary Kara Walker and seconded by Ruth Ann Jones to approve each nominee, and members unanimously supported the motion. The nominees' names will be forwarded to the Governor's Office for official appointment to the DECC.

Dr. Kim Krzanowski provided an update on the governance of early learning in Delaware. She noted that the Department of Education (DOE) continues to work on logistics with the Office of Child Care Licensing (OCCL) to finalize the transfer of OCCL to DOE by July 2020. She mentioned there is ongoing discussion about potentially having other early childhood services such as Purchase of Care and Child Development Watch moved under the Department of Education at some point in the future. Mary Nash Wilson concurred that the Office of Management and Budget is working with DOE and OCCL on the logistics of the transition for July 2020.

Tina Shockley and Regina Sidney-Brown provided an update on the Extended Learning Opportunities Subcommittee. This subcommittee met in November for a successful first meeting. Several positions on the subcommittee are continuing to be filled, but the group is excited to start working on a common list of definitions as it begins its evaluating before and after school learning opportunities for children. Madeleine Bayard noted that this topic has been discussed by the DECC for years, and she is excited that this work is being aligned under the IRMC. It was requested that the Extended Learning Opportunities Report done by University of Delaware be obtained, as it may identify funding sources, standards, etc. Tina Shockley will reach out to Kelly Sherretz to try to obtain it and possibly have her speak at an upcoming DECC meeting.

Next, Caitlin Gleason gave a brief update on the developing Strategic Plan by reviewing two handouts (attached) that were sent to IRMC members prior to the meeting. In summary, the Strategic Plan team has worked to engage stakeholder groups to determine where we are currently with regard to early learning. A timeline has been determined to look at vision, goals, strategies, how to get there, feedback, information synthesis and communication of future strategic plan approaches. It was noted that the team is identifying approaches, some of which can be accomplished now, some in five years and even some for beyond five years. The Strategic Plan will be a broad view of what we need to do and the future work that is needed to implement improvements in the early learning system using existing resources and funding. Work will continue on determining what families need, who will be the decision makers and how to move forward with a coordinated approach. Another update will be provided to IRMC members at the next meeting on April 16, 2020.

It was noted that there was no update on the agenda item listed as "Legislation Having To Do With IRMC Tasks." Members indicated there was no "Other Business" to be handled.

Emily Cunningham noted that the next meeting will be April 16, 2020 at 9am at the Townsend Building, Third Floor Conference Room. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Emily Cunningham for
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IRMC Chair