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**Office of Child Care (OCC) Advisory Council
Virtual Meeting
Thursday, November 18, 2021
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Meeting Outcomes

By the end of today’s meeting, participants will have:

- Received a welcome from the OCC Advisory Co-Chairs;
- Received updates from the Division of Early Childhood;
- Provided input and feedback on priorities for FY 2022; and
- Reviewed input and next steps.

AGENDA

Time	Topic	Person(s) Responsible
10:00 –10:10	Welcome and Remarks Review Past Minutes/Finalize FY2022 quarterly meetings	Chris Peusch, <i>Executive Director, Maryland State Child Care Association (MSCCA)</i> Jenn Nizer, <i>Director, OCC, MSDE</i>
10:10 – 10:20	Office of Child Care Director Report American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Child Care Stabilization CCDF Discretionary Updated COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance Regulations Training Licensing (Intimate Partner/Drug Charges) Policy for HB 597/SB 436 Family & Provider, ARPA Portal	Jenn Nizer, <i>Director, OCC, MSDE</i>
10:20 – 11:00	Maryland State Prekindergarten Programs Blueprint for Maryland’s Future	Nykia R. Washington,

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		<p><i>Prekindergarten Program Manager, Division of Early Childhood, MSDE</i></p> <p>Steven Hicks, <i>Assistant Superintendent, Division of Early Childhood, MSDE</i></p>
11:00 – 11:20	<p>Old Business</p> <p><i>Decline in Family Child Care and Workforce Shortage Crisis/Workforce Development Strategies To Address Barriers</i> <i>Family Child Care Alliance Pilot/Legislative Efforts</i> <i>Go FCC Legislation Implemented</i> <i>HB 597/SB 436: Staff Qualifications Bill</i> <i>Flexibility For Variances</i></p> <p>School Age Regulation Updates</p> <p>Decrease in Child Care Scholarships</p> <p>Support for Office of Child Care</p>	<p>Chris Peusch, <i>Executive Director, MSCCA</i></p>
11:20 – 11:30	<p>New Business</p> <p><i>Suggested Priorities</i> <i>Issues or Concerns for FY2022</i></p>	<p>Chris Peusch, <i>Executive Director, MSCCA</i></p>
11:30 – 11:45	<p>Updates from Branch Chiefs in the Office of Child Care, MSDE</p>	<p>Lou Valenti, <i>Branch Chief, Licensing</i></p> <p>Rene Williams, <i>Branch Chief, Child Care Scholarship</i></p> <p>Angeline Bishop- Oshoko, <i>Branch Chief, Workforce Advancement</i></p> <p>Jena Smith, <i>Acting Branch Chief, Maryland EXCELS</i></p>
11:45 – 11:50	Council Member Reports/Updates	OCC Council
11:50 – 12:00	Closure and Next Steps	<p>Chris Peusch, <i>Executive Director, MSCCA</i></p>