



**Office of Child Care  
Advisory Council Meeting**

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**AGENDA  
Thursday, February 20, 2020**

**Welcome and Introductions**

*Review Guidelines/Goals of Council (language): Advise and counsel the Office of Child Care, review proposed regulations, review issues and problems relating to care of children and suggested priorities for consideration by OCC and identify interdepartmental issues of importance to child care providers and users that should be addressed by OCC and other state agencies.*

**Legislative Updates:**

- a. MSDE Budget Hearings and recommendations- OCC Advisory Council support
  - i. Education-Child Care Subsidies Mandatory Funding Level: Expedites increasing child care subsidy reimbursement rates to the 60<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent market rate survey or a certain equivalent by FY 2021
    - 1. registration fees if program participating in child care scholarship
- b. Kirwan Commission legislation related to child care/early education
- c. SB 533- Teacher Certification Montessori Schools
- d. HB 396-Early Childhood Screenings for Developmental Disabilities
- e. Time to Care legislation: Family & Parental Leave
- f. HB 277-Trauma informed Care legislation
- g. Workforce Development bill

**Director, Office of Child Care Report:**

- a. Licensing Regulations in effect dates and communication strategy
  - a. Review the process
- b. Child Care Subsidy/Scholarship regulations – Updates
- c. IMPACT Project- updates
- d. Preschool Development Grant Updates: Rachel Demma Presenting
- e. Pritzker Grant- Maryland will receive 1 million dollars over the next 3 years to support implementation of the Prenatal-3 plan to coordinate and align programs; structure funding streams to avoid duplication and gaps in services and achieve greater efficiencies in delivering Prenatal-3 care for most in need in Maryland. Goal:
  - a. Increase for those at or below 200% FPL, the number of children prenatal to 3 accessing high quality services will increase by 25% by 2023 and 50% by 2025

**Presentation planned for May 20, 2020- final decision by Council**

- 1. Commission on Innovations and Excellence in Education

**Old Business:**

- a. Definition of Volunteer- OCC Advisory Council recommendation- letter provided to circulate to Council for edits and approval
- b. Vacancies on Council- legislators and other stakeholders

**Topics/presentations for future meetings:**

- 1. Commission on Innovations and Excellence in Education
- 2. NGA/CCSSO Early Childhood Education Workforce -- Higher Education initiatives for 2 and 4 year online ECE degree with alternative pathways for competencies and changes in certification (praxis)
- 3. Training Advisory Council
- 4. Workforce Competency Workgroup
- 5. School Age Regulations
- 6. Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission-Results of pilot program

**BRANCH UPDATES**

(Submitted in writing at request of Council prior to meetings)

**Council Member Reports/Updates**

**Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: May 14, 2020**  
10:00 am – 12:00 Noon  
8<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room 6  
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200 West Baltimore Street  
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