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**Office of Child Care (OCC) Advisory Council
Virtual Meeting
Thursday, May 19, 2022
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

The purpose of the Office of Child Care Advisory Council is to:

- Advise and counsel the Office of Child Care;
- Review regulations proposed by state agencies regulating child care;
- Review issues and problems relating to care of children and suggested priorities for consideration by the OCC; and
- Identify interdepartmental issues of importance to child care providers and users that should be addressed by the OCC and other State agencies.

The Council meetings are “open” meetings but not “public” hearings. What this means is that the meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend. However, it is not a “public” meeting, in that the topics of discussion are limited to only those items on the Agenda. The Agenda for each meeting is set prior to the meeting in consultation between the Department and the Chairperson for the Council.

A Council member who would like to have an item considered for the agenda should make the request no later than two weeks prior to the meeting by contacting Tara Bartosz at tara.bartosz@maryland.gov or Chris Peusch, msscal@comcast.net.

The Department will share information as specified on the Agenda set for the meeting. After all items on the Agenda are concluded, the Council meeting will be opened to “Other Business” should time allow. This will allow for discussion of items not necessarily related to those on the Agenda to ensure an equal amount of time for participation, each speaker will be asked to limit their thoughts and comments to no more than three minutes.

Comments made during this time should be succinct, specific and of interest to the Council members. Comments and remarks that do not coincide directly with Agenda items may not be shared until the meeting is opened to “Other Business”.

Current OCC Advisory Vacancies:

- Pediatrician w/Interest & Expertise in Child Care Issues
- Parent, user of Child Care Services

Meeting Outcomes

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

- Received updates from the Division of Early Childhood
- Reviewed Maryland Legislative 2022 session legislation related to child care
- Identified top priorities for 2022 within our purpose and discuss strategies to address priorities to benefit children, families and child care/early childhood education.

AGENDA

<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible</i>
10:00 –10:10	<p>Welcome and Remarks</p> <p>Review and Accept February 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes</p>	<p>Chris Peusch, <i>Executive Director, Maryland State Child Care Association (MSCCA)</i></p>
10:10 – 10:20	<p>Office of Child Care Director Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes in Leadership • Final reporting • ARPA additional 193 million • Public Pre-K Expansion Grants and Maryland State Pre-k Grants 	<p>Steven Hicks <i>Assistant Superintendent, DEC-MSDE</i></p>
10:20 – 11:00	<p>Maryland Legislation 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 89/SB 480 • HB 513 • HB 664 • HB 467 Education <p>General Assembly prioritized and passed Child Care Bills</p> <p>Alterations Child Care Scholarship</p> <p>State Board of Education meetings and engagement on Early Childhood/Child Care.</p> <p>Building Capacity: Workforce and CCCPDF</p>	<p>Steven Hicks, <i>Assistant Superintendent, Division of Early Childhood, MSDE</i></p> <p>Chris Peusch, <i>Executive Director, MSCCA</i></p>
11:00 – 11:10	<p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priorities agenda identified: • Equity, Inclusion, Access and Expansion of Resources • Health and safety including mental health supports Workforce shortages • Awareness, resources, and access to funding • New developmental milestones related to pandemic • Access and Expansion of services: CCRC’s support • Coaching and Mentoring • Grants and other resources • Addressing equity and the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future • Advocacy for Workforce alternative pathways to align with Blueprint’s goals • Prioritize Pre-K expansion workforce barriers 	<p>Chris Peusch, <i>Executive Director, MSCCA</i></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early childhood coordinators • Better coordination and support for CCCPDF coordination • Pathways to P-3 certification-Legislative efforts • School age regulations recommendations 	
11:10 – 11:30	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next steps to address Priorities Agenda • New issues or concerns for 2022 	Chris Peusch, Executive Director, MSCCA
11:30 – 11:45	Updates from Branch Chiefs in the Office of Child Care, MSDE	Lou Valenti, <i>Branch Chief, Licensing</i> Rene Williams, <i>Branch Chief, Child Care Scholarship</i> Angeline Bishop- Oshoko, <i>Branch Chief, Workforce Advancement</i> Jena Smith, <i>Acting Branch Chief, Maryland EXCELS</i>
11:45 – 11:50	Council Member Reports/Updates	OCC Council Members
11:50 – 12:00	Adjourn and Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care Scholarship Town Hall • Presentation on teacher certification alternative pathway • Facilitation guide to connect to priorities agenda and outcomes 	Chris Peusch, Executive Director, MSCCA