



**ARPA Task Force Early Childhood Learning Committee Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes – August 4, 2021**  
**10:30am Hybrid In Person/Virtual Zoom Webinar**

**Attendance:**

**Committee Members Present:** Co-Chair, Charuni Patibanda, Kirsten Olson, Rita Landgraf, Quinn Johnson, Madeleine Bayard, Pam Reuther, Heidi Beck,

**Committee Members Absent:** Mari Viera Gunn, Co-Chair Diller, Co-Chair Woods

**Others in Attendance:** Judi Mitchell, Ben Morris-Levinson, Hector Maldonado-Reis (DDIL)

**Proceedings:**

Meeting called to order at 10:36am. (Quorum not reached)

Committee Discussion

- Review healthy childhood eligible categories
- Provider Map
- QCT Maps

(Joined by Quinn Johnson, Quorum reached)

Approval of Minutes

- Rita Landgraf moves for approval, Quinn Johnson seconds
  - Minutes Unanimously approved.
- Committee Discussion regarding funding categories:
  - Facilities Grants---providers may not be able to prove that they serve families that live in QCTs
  - Families are eligible for POC are 185% of federal poverty level or looking for work or medical need. Does this correlate to Treasury guidelines on AMI?
  - Grants should be used for technology improvements as well.
  - How can we best collect the individual provider data?
  - Providers will have addresses of their clients including zip codes.
  - Larger providers generally could track POC families.
  - Smaller providers may not track, but could be given support to collect existing data in a useable format.

- Home Visiting—
  - Nurse family partnership eligibility 200% SPL. Each nurse home visitor can serve 25 to 30 families. Incremental costs for expansion. If we were to add 4 nurses to serve approximately 120 more families that would be around \$800,000 to \$900,000.
  - Is there a way to increase services for existing families?
  - All programs are evidenced based and have to be delivered with fidelity the model dictates the services.
  - Are there ways to help expand the nurse workforce?
- Premium Pay—
  - Are we duplicating the State’s efforts on premium pay?
  - The emergency need right now is staffing.
  - Should the NCC partner with the high school programs to offer scholarship to students and cover their CDA fees? (1,500 kids enrolled statewide) (CDA cost is \$300 +travel, etc, \$200 for training (outside of high school).
  - DelTech and UD are ready to redesign their teacher training programs and make it more friendly for those in the fields. (\$500K-\$1M)
- Support for Families with POC--
  - This type of program will be difficult to sustain. Are there other ways in the above programs to target and incentivize POC families.
- Supports for Families with Special Needs--
  - Scholarships for those who go into this field
  - Telehealth services to providers and families
  - There is a pilot program with the State that has low participation rate

#### Process for August 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting

- Publish draft recommendations
- Start meeting with public comment
- Hear from the County Executive
- Make final revisions
- Rank order programs

#### Other

- Next and final meeting after that: August 18, 2021 at 10:30 am

#### Public Comment

- No public comments

#### Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:58 pm

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