



Family Child Care Task Force Meeting 15

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

6:00pm to 9:00pm (CST)

Online meeting (WebEx)

Task Force Members Present: Ariane Bromberg, Cyndi Cunningham, Representative Lisa Demuth, Dan Dorman, Erin Echternach, Elizabeth Harris, Stephanie Hogenson, Senator Mary Kiffmeyer, Kim Leipold, Scott Marquardt, Kelly Martini, Ann McCully, Lanay Miller, Hollee Saville, Lauryn Schothorst, Julie Seydel, JoAnn Smith, Reggie Wagner, Representative Ami Wazlawik, Senator Melissa Wiklund, Cindi Yang.

Task Force Members Absent: Mary Albert, Samantha Chukuske, Erin Johnson-Balstad, Marit Woods, Heidi Hagel Braid.

Task Force Consultants Present: Judy Plante, Lanterna Consulting; Jessica Burke, Management Analysis and Development (MAD).

Each Task Force member received the following:

- FCCTF January 12 meeting agenda
- Draft FCCTF December 8 meeting minutes
- Second draft of FCCTF legislative report, dated 1/8/2021
- FCCTF list of previously tabled Duty 8 recommendations

Call to order and opening remarks

Co-Chair Senator Kiffmeyer called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Task force business announcements

Approval of December 8 meeting minutes

Senator Kiffmeyer invited a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8 meeting. Hollee Saville made a motion to approve the December minutes. The motion was seconded by another task force member. The minutes were approved via voice vote with no opposition.

Senator Kiffmeyer reminded the task force their final meeting will be on January 28.

Discussion: Review second draft of FCCTF report

Judy began the discussion by reviewing the format for the meeting. The goal for the meeting was to continue to go through the draft report and discuss members' feedback on the recommendations in the sections covering Duty #2, Duty #4, Duty #6, Duty #7, and Duty #8.

Judy reviewed her activities since the previous meeting, noting she had made the changes that had consensus from the previous two meetings. Group members were pointed to highlighted areas in the report that denoted substantive changes or substantive work from work groups. She also removed references to funding throughout the report, as it was understood many of the recommendations would require funding.

Duty #2 report section

Duty #2 states: "Propose regulatory reforms to improve licensing efficiency, including discussion of criteria that would qualify a provider for an abbreviated licensing review based on statistically significant key indicators that predict full compliance with all applicable rules and statutes, and discussion of the development of a risk-based, data-driven, tiered violation system with corresponding enforcement mechanisms that are appropriate to the risk presented by a violation."

Judy led the members through the Duty #2 section and facilitated discussion on the submitted comments, edits, and feedback. She tested for consensus as needed. Suggested edits that had support from a majority of members and did not require more discussion as determined by Judy were considered finalized. Other suggested edits that did not receive consensus support were not included.

Duty #4 report section

Duty #4 states: "Recommend business development and technical assistance resources to promote provider recruitment and retention, including the potential need for mentors, a family child care provider network, or shared services."

Judy led the members through the Duty #4 section and facilitated discussion on the submitted comments, edits, and feedback. She tested for consensus as needed. Suggested edits that had support from a majority of members and did not require more discussion as determined by Judy were considered finalized. Other suggested edits that did not receive consensus support were not included. Recommendation 4.9 was tabled until other suggested recommendations could be addressed.

Duty #5 report section

Duty #5 states: "Develop recommendations for alternative child care delivery systems that could be more financially viable in smaller communities with unmet child care capacity needs in greater Minnesota, which could include new licensure models for large group family child care or small capacity child care centers."

Judy led the members through the Duty #5 section and facilitated discussion on the submitted comments, edits, and feedback. She tested for consensus as needed. Suggested edits that had support from a majority of members and did not require more discussion as determined by Judy were considered finalized. Other suggested edits that did not receive consensus support were not included.

Duty #6 report section

Duty #6 states: “Review Parent Aware program participation and identify obstacles and suggested improvements.”

Judy led the members through the Duty #6 section and facilitated discussion on the submitted comments, edits, and feedback. She tested for consensus as needed. Suggested edits that had support from a majority of members and did not require more discussion as determined by Judy were considered finalized. Other suggested edits that did not receive consensus support were not included. The task force determined recommendation 6.9 would be removed and combined with recommendation 4.9 in the introduction to Duty #4.

Duty #7 report section

Duty #7 states: “Review how trainings for licensed family child care providers are offered, provided, coordinated, and approved, and make a recommendation on the establishment of a family child care continuing education training committee, to advise on compliance with federal and state training requirements.”

Judy led the members through the Duty #7 section and facilitated discussion on the submitted comments, edits, and feedback. She tested for consensus as needed. Suggested edits that had support from a majority of members and did not require more discussion as determined by Judy were considered finalized. Other suggested edits that did not receive consensus support from the members were not included. Further consideration of recommendation 7.3 was placed on hold to allow Judy to draft a revised recommendation that addressed members’ concerns and input.

Duty #8 report section

Duty #8 states: “Consider methods to improve access to and understanding of the rules and statutes governing family child care providers.”

Judy led the members through the Duty #8 section and facilitated discussion on the submitted comments, edits, and feedback. She tested for consensus as needed. Suggested edits that did not receive consensus support from the members were not included. Other suggested edits that had support from a majority of members and did not require more discussion as determined by Judy were considered finalized.

Next Steps

Judy and the MAD staff will follow up with an updated report draft and will coordinate with the work groups as needed to refine the recommendations for the final report. The final draft report will be sent to task force members before the next task force meeting. The next, and final, meeting will be January 28, 2021.

Closing announcements and adjourn

Co-Chair Senator Kiffmeyer closed the meeting at 9:12 pm. The final meeting will be on Thursday, January 28, 2021.