



Family Child Care Task Force Meeting 13

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

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

Online meeting (WebEx)

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

Task Force Consultants Present: Judy Plante, Lanterna Consulting; Jake Granholm, Management Analysis and Development (MAD)

Each Task Force member received the following:

- FCCTF November 17 meeting agenda
- Draft FCCTF October 20 meeting minutes
- Draft FCCTF October 27 meeting minutes
- Draft FCCTF legislative report

Call to order and opening remarks

Co-Chair Senator Kiffmeyer called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Task force business announcements

Approval of October 20 and October 27 meeting minutes

Senator Kiffmeyer moved to approve the minutes from the October 20 and October 27 meetings. Both sets of minutes were approved via voice vote with no opposition.

Discussion: Review FCCTF draft report

Judy began the discussion by reviewing the format for the meeting. The goal for the meeting was to go through the draft report and discuss members' feedback.¹ The November and December Task Force meetings will be used to discuss feedback on the draft report.

Judy noted that she included editorial notes and minor suggested edits to the recommendations in the draft report. The recommendations in the report are presented as approved for inclusion by the Task Force. Task Force members submitted feedback before the meeting. Judy compiled the comments with attribution and inserted them in the report draft. The updated draft was sent to members before the Task Force meeting.

Judy said the focus of the meeting's conversation will be on the report sections covering Duty #2, Duty #3, Duty #4, Duty #5, Duty #6, Duty #7, and Duty #8. The Duty #1 report section was not discussed during the meeting because it contained minor edits from the Task Force's interim report. Judy also explained that she will assess consensus as needed by asking for members to raise their hands.

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 did not receive consensus support from the members and were determined by Judy to need more discussion were tabled for discussion at a future Task Force meeting. Other suggested edits that had support from a majority of members and did not require more discussion as determined by Judy were considered finalized.

Duty #3 report section

Duty #3 states: "Review existing variance authority delegated to counties and recommend changes, if needed."

Judy led the members through the Duty #3 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 and were determined by Judy to need more discussion were tabled for discussion at a future Task Force meeting. Other suggested edits that had support from a majority of members and did not require more discussion as determined by Judy were considered finalized.

¹ The initial draft report was sent to the entire Task Force on Monday, November 9.

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 did not receive consensus support from the members and were determined by Judy to need more discussion were tabled for discussion at a future Task Force meeting. Other suggested edits that had support from a majority of members and did not require more discussion as determined by Judy were considered finalized.

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 did not receive consensus support from the members and were determined by Judy to need more discussion were tabled for discussion at a future Task Force meeting. 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

Volunteers from the Duty #2, Duty #4, and Duty #5 work groups will assist Judy in addressing feedback in the report sections.

For the December meeting, the Task Force will discuss finish its discussion on Duty #5 and start its discussion on Duty #6, Duty #7, and Duty #8.

Closing announcements and adjourn

Senator Kiffmeyer closed meeting at 8:59 p.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 8.