



## Child Care Taskforce Meeting

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March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### **Taskforce Members Present:**

- Commissioner Clarence Carter (DHS)
- Commissioner Jeff McCord (DLWD)
- Sophia Kostelanetz: Designee for Commissioner Lisa Piercey (TDH)
- Misty Moody: Designee for Commissioner Penny Schwinn (Education)
- Senator Becky Massey
- Phil Acord
- Pat Sheehy
- Chloe Moore
- Blair Taylor
- Ryan Hughes

### **Staff Present:**

- Jude White (Virtual)
- Gwen Laaser
- Eric Dunn
- Dakota Simpson
- Suzanne Carr
- Michelle Joyner
- Trevor Lauri
- Cherrell Campbell-Street (Virtual)

### **Taskforce Members Absent:**

- Representative Patsy Hazelwood
- Jeremy Biggs
- Jamie Stitt: Designee for Commissioner Bob Rolfe (DECD)

**1:30 p.m. Welcome and Commissioner's Update**

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Commissioner Carter welcomed the group and initiated the roll call.

Commissioner Carter discussed with the consultant the idea of PCG heading up the creation and execution of subgroups within the Child Care Task Force, to which PCG agreed. A vote on the approval of the formation of subgroups within the Task Force was moved by Senator Massey and seconded by Ryan Hughes. The motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous month was made by Commissioner Carter, moved by Pat Sheehy, and seconded by Chloe Moore. They were approved unanimously by acclamation.

**1:37 p.m. Public Consulting Group Presentation/Discussion**

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Zane with PCG shared the status report for March. He gave an overview of their work thus far including the interviews conducted with Task Force Members and the risk overview. Sophia Kostelanetz asked if PCG had all four of the designees from DoH included in their distribution list. Zane confirmed they did not. Dakota Simpson agreed to pass on the relevant info to PCG to update their distribution list.

Zane confirmed that PCG was moving into Phase 2 of their project timeline. Blair Taylor asked Zane what their understanding of the "as-is" survey was. Zane responded that it was using the interviews, surveys, and defining what child care looks like in Tennessee through all of the different perspectives provided. Chole asked if PCG intended to include a resource inventory, to which Zane responded affirmatively.

Zane reviewed the results of the survey sent to the Task Force. Commissioner Carter asked for a glossary of terms based on the survey to be included in the "as-is" report.

The group discussed different available revenue streams for child care.

The group discussed the possibility of "navigators" or "case-coordinators" in Tennessee for child care cases.

Zane asked if there were any questions that those who had already been interviewed felt should be added. Chloe suggested a question around disparity in access, quality, and affordability, as well as one involving human development. Phil Acord suggested a question capturing thoughts around collaboration and partnerships/microcenters.

**3:00 p.m. Adjournment**

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The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next Child Care Task Force meeting will take place on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.