

Early Childhood Committee of the Bedford Area Resource Council

April 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Kimberly Maddox, Kimberly Booth, Susan Prillaman, Mary Jo Boone, Vanessa De Lio, Andy Crawford, Amanda Powell, Janet Trent, Cindy Perdue, Denny Hoff, Bridget Austin, Kara Sensenig, Karen Wesley, Traci Blido, Holly Layne

Employer / Employee Surveys:

Holly will email draft questions to committee requesting comments/ suggestions/ additions, etc. These will be due back to Holly by May 12 who will then forward to Traci for distribution via Survey Monkey. We may attach information to the email request from Traci on why employers need to care about childcare.

Mission/ Vision Statements:

Wonderful discussion around this topic. Holly will email a draft for comments which will also be due by May 12 and then we can vote on the final draft at the May meeting.

Childcare Capacity Map:

Thank you, Andy and team, for a good start. We decided today to color code the types of care:

1. Full day care
2. Part day care
3. Before and After School care
4. Family Day Homes

We also decided to add the following information:

1. Cost per week
2. Whether they accept subsidy
3. Hours
4. Ages
5. Capacity
6. Meals provided.
7. Licensed/ Religious Exempt/ Registered
8. Program's website link

For before and after school care we will add which schools are served and if transportation is provided.

Andy will add all this to spreadsheet and share with Holly who will elicit volunteers to gather the information.

This map will be useful to families but also to us as we work to educate and garner support for ECCE from our community. Maintenance of map is a consideration.

Discussion on single point of entry ensued. A requirement of the Preschool Development Grant is that we perform a self-assessment on Coordinated Enrollment this summer to be submitted to the VA Dept. of Education.

Discussion on subsidy changes and how to inform families and entice existing programs to become subsidy vendors. Holly will share flyers with committee that Amanda emailed. Vanessa will share with Amanda the public sharing tools. Kimberly Maddox and Holly will share with area programs via email and at our Directors Meeting. Smart Beginnings CV will share on our website.

Any other ideas or a willingness to share is appreciated.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00.

Minutes submitted by Holly Layne

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