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#### PDAC Family Child Care Credential Committee Telenet Minutes April 10, 2018 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

#### Attendees:

Diana Rosenbrock\* Faith Arnold Joni Scritchlow \*denotes co-chair Julie Lindstrom Malia Owens Melissa Johnson Miranda Lin Molly Nord Patricia Twymon Sue Jackson Tami O'Daniel Toni Williams

## Welcome

• Diana Rosenbrock welcomed attendees to the meeting.

# Approval of February 8, 2018 Minutes

- Motion to approve made by Melissa Johnson.
- Motion seconded by Faith Arnold.
- Motion passed and minutes approved.

## **Overview of Family Child Care Credentials Awarded**

- Inclusive of pilot applicants, 339 FCC Credentials have been awarded.
  - o 204 Level 2
  - o 57 Level 3
  - o 59 Level 4
  - o 19 Level 5
    - Of those, 32 have been awarded since January 1, 2018.

## **Entitled Route Pilot Schools move to Competencies**

- All pilot institutions have been asked to renew Gateways Family Child Care Credential entitlement by December 31, 2018 using competencies.
- The following entitled route pilot institutions have completed an application, submitted syllabi, and realigned their current coursework to competencies.
  - Harper College
    - Approved by FCC Committee on February 8, 2018.
  - Oakton Community College
    - All documents have been submitted. Currently working with faculty to make necessary revisions before Committee review.
  - St. Augustine College
    - All documents have been submitted. Currently working with faculty to make necessary revisions before Committee review.
  - Rockford University
    - Rockford University has decided not to seek entitlement. There has not been enough interest in this Credential.
  - Applications have not been received Parkland College and National Louis University.

 Letters were mailed to notify faculty that if they do not submit an application to align their coursework with the Competencies, their entitlement will end December 31, 2018.

## Renewal Recommendation Update (Attachment A)

- The Qualifications and Credentials (QC) Committee discussed the need for consistency across the renewal requirements for all Gateways Credentials and has put together a recommendation for Gateways Credential renewal requirement guidelines.
- The following draft recommendation will be presented for approval during the QC Committee meeting on June 5, 2018.
  - All Gateways Credentials:
    - 45 clock hours of training (or 3 semester hours of coursework) are required for Gateways Credential renewal, of which 6 hours must be in cultural competence, racial equity, and/or multilingual development of children.
    - Of these 45 clock hours of training required for the renewal, a minimum of 15 clock hours of trainings (or 1 semester hour of coursework) must be in topics specific to each Credential being renewed.
      - The Technical Assistance Credential Committee asked to have the word "related" added to the recommendation to clarify what types of trainings will be accepted.
        - The following change is proposed: 45 clock hours of related training (or 3 semester hours of related coursework) are required for...
        - The Family Child Care Committee was in agreement with the change in wording as proposed from the TA Credential Committee.
- The Family Child Care Credential Committee has been asked to discuss and take a five finger vote to show level of support for this recommendation.
- Question: What does this mean? Is there a definition of cultural competence and racial equity?
  - Answer: Cultural competence is very broad and all encompassing. This is a national trend and the Illinois Early Learning Council has focus on this in regards to cultural and racial biases, cultural and racial equity, etc. Head Start is providing guidance on this work at a national level.
    - Gateways is looking for language to use in forming a definition for these new additions to the renewal requirements.
    - Dr. Aisha Ray focuses on this work through the BUILD Initiative. She is looking at the broader demographic of children being served and how to be intentional and respectful when partnering with families.
- Question: Are there at least six hours of trainings available to cover these new requirements?
  - Answer: Yes. Cultural competence is being embedded in many of the trainings that are currently available. Credential counselors at Gateways are working on a list of trainings available to meet these requirements.
    - As these requirements are put into place, we will need to think about messaging to the field and how the requirements and language are interpreted.
- All Committee members present voted unanimously with five fingers to approve the recommendation.

## Family Child Care Credential Committee sun-setting/next steps

- The Family Child Care Credential Ad-hoc Committee work is concluding, but Committee members will still be a part of the overall Professional Development Advisory Council.
  - Members have the option of joining another Committee. Some options are: Workforce Development and Pathways, Financial Supports, and Information, Analysis, and Trends. Julie

Lindstrom will be emailing more information to FCC Credential Committee members at the end of May/beginning of June.

- Any questions should be directed to Julie Lindstrom.
- $\circ$   $\;$  Thank you to all that have served on this Committee over the last six years.

#### Announcements

- Joni's daughter is expecting a baby in October.
- Melissa Johnson noted that EarlyEdU Alliance is having their annual institute in May with Dr. Aisha Ray giving the keynote. All sessions will relate to Dr. Ray's keynote and cultural competence.
- Sue Jackson thanked Johnna Darragh-Ernst and Heartland Community College on behalf of family child care providers who have participated in a FCC pilot. The FCC sequence of courses at Heartland is based on a combination of credit from assessment based on prior learning, training, and online materials. Three providers have completed the pilot thus far.
- National Association for Family Child Care will hold its National Conference in Chicago June 28 July 1, 2018.

## FY 18 Quarterly Telenets:

• 4th Quarter Thursday, June 14th, 2018

Adjourn





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