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## Illinois Professional Development System

### Professional Development Advisory Council (PDAC)

Qualifications and Credentials Committee Telenet

October 13, 2016

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Amy Law	Jennifer Metcalf	Marsha Hawley	Susan Bowers
Debbie Rogers-Jaye	Jill Enchelmayer	Melissa Johnson	Tami O'Daniel
Diana Rosenbrock*	Joan Longtin	Peggy North-Jones	Tammy Notter
Diane Scruggs	Joni Scritchlow	Penny Williams-Wolford	Teri Meisner
Faith Arnold	Julie Lindstrom	Shallie Pittman	Teri Talan*
Gayle Mindes	Lisa Downey	Sharita Webb	Tiana Cody
Janice Crow	Malia Owens	Stephanie Hellmer	

\*Denotes co-chairs

**Welcome** – Co-chairs Teri Talan and Diana Rosenbrock

#### Approval of September 15, 2016 Minutes

- Motion made by Tammy Notter.
- Motion seconded by Diane Scruggs.
- Motion passed and minutes approved.

#### Technical Assistance (TA) Credential Recommendation— (Attachment A)

- Technical Assistance (TA) Credential – ECE/School-Age Coaching, Mentoring, and Technical Assistance Work Experience Recommendation
  - Level 6 – Decrease from 3,000 to 2,000 hours
  - Level 5 – Remain at 2,000 hours
  - Level 4 – Increase from 1,000 to 2,000 hours
  - Discussion:
    - Question: Was this change made based on pilot applicant data?
      - Answer: Yes. This change reflects the work experience submitted during the pilot as well as lengthy committee discussion of increasing work experience at the Associate's level and decreasing for Graduate degree applicants.
    - This model is not used in other Gateways Credentials. However, there are no guidelines that required increases in work experience as the level increases.
    - This baseline work experience in ECE/School-Age and ECE/School-Age Coaching, Mentoring, and Technical Assistance work experience is unique to this credential.
    - During the pilot, applicants submitted work experience directly with children ages birth through age 12.
      - The framework is not clear if it must be "teaching" work experience.
      - Should this language be added to the framework?
      - All Gateways Credentials require work experience providing "direct service to children". The Technical Assistance Credential ECE/School-

Age work experience is no different. None of the frameworks provide further specification or interpretation.

- A small group will review potential need for clarifying work experience before recommendation goes to PDAC Steering.
- Five finger vote:

5 fingers	4 fingers	3 fingers	2 fingers	1 finger
16	6	0	0	0

- Recommendation approved.

**Suggestion from Illinois Early Learning Council’s Quality subcommittee: Higher Education Learning and Professional Development Work Group (HELP) (Attachment B)**

- Current Gateways ECE Credential and Illinois Director Credential renewal requirements were shared.
- Suggestion from HELP includes: Gateways to Opportunity Credential recipients will be asked at the renewal of their ECE Credential to demonstrate hours of training in topics related to working with multilingual, multicultural children and their families.
- The purpose of this suggestion is to increase cultural competence in the workforce.
- The Qualifications and Credentials Committee could draft this recommendation and bring through the PDAC structure.
  - Question: How many hours of training in topics related to working with multilingual, multicultural children and their families should be required upon credential renewal?
    - Answer: The Gateways Infant Toddler Credential requires 7.5 clock hours of infant toddler mental health training upon renewal.
    - 45 clock hours is the equivalent to 3 semester hours of college coursework. If one course covers a portion of topics related to working with multilingual, multicultural children and their families, this could meet the credential renewal requirements.
  - Question: When will these hours be required for renewal?
    - Answer: Since trainings have not been identified specific to topics related to working with multilingual, multicultural children and their families, the timeframe would need to allow for coursework and training development.
      - Suggested recommendation: ECE Credentials and Illinois Director Credentials that expire beginning January 1, 2019 would require 7.5 clock hours in topics related to working with multilingual, multicultural children and their families.

- Five finger vote:

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- Recommendation approved.
- This recommendation will be presented to PDAC Steering on October 26, 2016.

**Announcements/Updates:**

- Family Specialist Credential (FSC) Committee – Stephanie Hellmer on behalf of Diane Scruggs
  - Almost 100 post-pilot applicants.
  - Eight awarded a FSC Level 5 using the PDAC recommendation for the Bachelors or Graduate degree in Social Work from a nationally accredited program.
  - The next meeting is tomorrow October 14, 2016 face to face 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

- The focus of this meeting will be to award credentials, review course descriptions, and marketing strategies to promote the FSC.
- Family Child Care (FCC) Credential Committee – Diana Rosenbrock
  - An Ad-hoc Committee was formed to discuss a possible recommendation for family child care providers to require the FCC Credential in DCFS licensing requirements. This is similar to the ECE Credential Levels 2 by 2020, Level 3 by 2025, and Level 4 by 2030.
  - The next committee telenet is October 29, 2016.
- School-Age and Youth Development (SAYD) Credential Committee – Tammy Notter
  - Pending recommendation for the SAYD Credential Level 5 – PEL in Elementary Education will be presented to PDAC Steering on October 26, 2016.
  - The next meeting is a telenet on October 27<sup>th</sup> to award more credentials and review course descriptions.
- Race to the Top (RTT) No Cost Extension – Joni Scritchlow
  - Currently Gateways Credentials have a \$30 fee.
  - The goal is to keep the fees as low as possible.
  - The continued message is to apply now and not wait. There is no guarantee that the fees will remain \$30 but this is a high priority.

**Adjourn at 3:25 pm.**

**Attachments available upon request.**