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## Illinois Professional Development System

### Professional Development Advisory Council School Age and Youth Development Credential Committee

Telenet

November 16, 2017

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Minutes

#### Attendees:

Carole Franke

Shallie Pittman

Tami O’Daniel

Christy Allen\*

Stephanie Hellmer

Tammy Notter\*

\*Denotes co-chair

**Welcome** – Tammy Notter & Christy Allen – co-chairs

#### Approval of August 17, 2017 Minutes

- Motion by Carole Franke.
- Motion seconded by Shallie Pittman.
- Motion passed and minutes approved.

#### Overview of SAYD Credentials Awarded (Attachment A)

- With the Committee’s guidance through course articulations and reviewing hundreds of SAYD applicant files, INCCRRA staff was able to begin awarding SAYD Credentials internally as of April 21, 2017.
  - Inclusive of pilot applicants, 304 SAYD Credential Levels 2-5 have been awarded.
  - In 2017, 91 SAYD Credentials have been awarded. With an aspirational goal of awarding 175 Credentials in 2017, 52% of the goal has been met.
  - Since the last SAYD Committee meeting on August 17, 2017, 22 SAYD Credentials have been awarded.
- Any applicant file anomalies will continue to be brought to the Committee for review.
  - The SAYD Committee will continue to meet quarterly through FY18 – June 30, 2018.
- As the Committee participates in statewide initiatives for school-age and youth practitioners, consider the importance of the SAYD Credential which highlights the quality, importance, and dedication of school-age & youth development professionals in Illinois.
- SAYD Credential panel cards are also available to Committee members who need marketing materials to promote the SAYD Credential. Contact Stephanie Hellmer to request panel cards.

#### Framework

- The Committee reviewed the SAYD Credential draft framework which includes competencies.
- The SAYD Credential Level 1 training has also been included and meets the following SAYD Credential competencies:
  - HGD1, HSW1, CPD1, IRE1, FCR2, PPD1, PAGF1, and AP1 (eight competencies).
- The SAYD Credential is not included in the Gateways Career Lattice; however, the SAYD Credential can be utilized to obtain a Family Child Care Credential, an Illinois Director Credential, and a Technical Assistance Credential.

- A timeline is being developed on how competency information will be presented and disseminated to the field. Currently, higher education institutions are switching to competencies. Implementation of competencies will be intentional and those relaying information to providers will be well informed and educated.

### Renewal Recommendation

- Professionals who earned an SAYD Credential during the pilot must renew by December 31, 2019.
- The drafted recommendation for the renewal of the School-Age & Youth Development Credential is consistent with the renewal requirements for other Gateways Credentials.
  - 45 clock hours of training (or 3 semester hours of coursework) in school-Age and/or youth development topics focused on working with school-age and youth ages 5 through 16.
    - A combination of both college coursework and training hours may be utilized and completed within the last five years.
  - Current Registry Membership
- Question: How soon will the field be notified that their SAYD Credential must be renewed?
  - Answer: They will be notified one year in advance of the renewal requirements.
- Question: Where do they get trainings in school-age and youth?
  - Answer: Trainings can be completed through many different avenues and do not have a length requirement. Some examples include:
    - Illinois Afterschool Network (IAN) Conferences
    - Teen REACH trainings
    - ACT Now Quality Standards Training
    - Afterschool Advocates meetings/trainings
    - Conferences inclusive of topics specific to school-age and youth
- Recommendation is approved with all Committee members present voting five fingers.
  - The recommendation will be presented to the PDAC Qualifications and Credentials (QC) Committee in January 2018.

### Announcements

- Shallie Pittman —Senate Bill 2321 creates a specific qualified license exemption in Illinois' Child Care Act from the requirement for out-of-school time programs serving school-aged youth, including before school, after school and summer programs.
  - The bill has been approved since July 2016 however; DCFS is not publicly sharing this license exemption information.
  - Some programs have been proactively applying for license exemption while other programs are waiting for more formalized program requirements before applying.
  - Send all questions to ACT Now for more information about the proper channels to contact the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS).
- Shallie Pittman – ACT Now Map for Afterschool
  - During the last week of November 2017, ACT Now hopes to launch a statewide map of afterschool providers.
  - Program participation is voluntary and must be self-reported by each program.
  - The purpose of this map is to identify gaps in services across the state of Illinois.
  - Any afterschool program is encouraged to self-report on the map.
  - **ACTION:** Shallie encouraged everyone to visit <http://www.actnowillinois.org/> and select "Take Action Today" to contact your legislators to keep funding for Teen REACH and 21<sup>st</sup> Century program funding.

- The SAYD Credential Committee oversight is coming to an end. There will be two more FY18 telenets and then the Committee's work will be complete.
  - All SAYD Committee members are encouraged to stay involved and join another Committee under Professional Development Advisory Council (PDAC).
  - During the February SAYD Credential Committee telenet, Julie Lindstrom will be present to discuss the various opportunities to stay involved.

**FY18 Meeting Dates**

- 3rd Quarter Thursday, February 15th, 2018 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
- 4th Quarter Thursday, June 7th, 2018 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

**Adjourned at 1:39 PM.**

**Attachments available upon request.**

