

IFCC Early Childhood Care and Education Consortium
October 4, 2018
Macon Campus CGTC
Building I, Quad A
10 am – 3 pm (With Working Lunch)

Sherry Lowery, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 am on October 4, 2018.

1. Introduction of Consortium Members asking what type of costume best fits personality.
2. Introduction of CGTC VPAA Amy Holloway and Dean Jay Kramer
3. DECAL Update
 - a. Georgia's Infant & Toddler Workforce Grant for those wanting to teach Early Childhood Care and Education and Development Block Grant. Feedback activity regarding assistance needed for ECCE teachers. Focuses on classroom quality, workforce that serves infants and toddlers, and helping families who need access to quality care. Four Phases over 4 years. We are currently in Year 1 and Phase 2.
4. Karen Howard provided a TCSG update. It was noted that there is a new Senior Executive Director for Academic Affairs, Sandra King.
5. Old Business
 - a. Approval of February meeting minutes; minutes unanimously approved
 - b. Approval of Proposed Curriculum changes for ECCE 2201(streamlined and organized), 2360, and 2362 (45-hour lab requirement); vote unanimously approved changes.
 - c. Update from committed for rewrite for 2245 and 2246. After discussion, the final decision was no rewrite was needed
6. Region Reports
 - a. North Region- Lisa White: GA Piedmont retirees are Linda Grant and Randy Taylor. New hire is Kimberly Evans. Kimberly came through the program and graduated from Mercer. Bea Stitzer retired and Jennifer Dixon was hired. North Georgia Tech celebrated 75th anniversary with fireworks and concert set for October 20th. Anniversary celebration expanded to include an open house for ECCE in Blairsville. Athens Tech 11th year for "Hands are not for Hitting" in Clarke County schools. It is an antiviolence/anti bullying program that includes a paid home visit internship. The Department of Health and Human Services may continue. Lanier Tech Gainesville Campus is opening with an open house on Oct. 19th. \$20 per car, Mark Wells performing.
 - b. Central Region- Kay Wilson: Columbus Tech Tara Scott Program Director, upcoming collaboration meeting to discuss semester success, 14 registered for infant toddler program. Ogeechee: Paula Clifton ECCE students in the schools and students attending Georgia Southern University and Brenau. Attempting to get articulation agreement with Georgia Southern. CGTC: 2 GEN College Grant to develop a *211 service to help students get resources. *211 is a database of resources by zip code. These resources include childcare, transportation, food banks, electric bill payment help, etc. West GA Tech: Working on how to improve the quality of childcare with "Back to Basics" initiative to help earn the Basics more efficiently and faster.
 - c. South Region- Cinda Young: Savannah: gathered books from old ECCE center and purchases book from a donation to place books in library. Rotary Club did a "Read In" with community volunteers to read a book to a class and donate the book. 15 students from Savannah Tech participated. L4GA Grant, bus donated for mobile story bus. Agreement with Albany State. South GA Tech Americus, 70th Anniversary ECCE is the

largest program. Albany Tech, new hire Tiffany Platt. Working with GA Southern about an articulation agreement, speaking to Kennesaw about a new articulation agreement to promote Birth to 5 programs for PreK.

7. Reports from the Field

a. Criminal Background Check updates-Sherry Lowery

New background check system implemented on 10/01/18. Now there are two kinds of background checks: fingerprint based and comprehensive. Comprehensive goes through the national crime center for sex offenders, child abuse database. With a comprehensive check you can immediately work in a center. There is not more provisional clearance through local agencies. At minimum everyone must have a fingerprint based check. All directors and employees must have a comprehensive check. If there is a break in service for 6 months or longer, you have to start over. Clearance letters issued by DECAL are only portable to a new facility if it is transferred electronically. DECAL is paying fingerprint checks for the next two years. Student must identify that DECAL is paying. Place GAP11164 in "requesting Agency ID in Gemalto. Choose TCSG "student providing direct supervision."

If you have lived outside of GA within the last five years you will get a "satisfactory" fingerprint based check. You must get records from other state(s) before you can be cleared with a comprehensive check.

b. Articulation agreement updates- Benita Moore/LaVerne Pruitt—Progress has been made with Kennesaw State with GA Northwestern Technical College to focus on courses in P-5, Birth-5, and Montessori. Georgia State (Tonya Durden) wants articulation for birth through 5. Commissioner wants more institutional articulation agreements with a possible state articulation agreement in future. Committee composed to focus on state wide articulation agreement to include: Lisa White - Athens

Cathy Hoover – Central GA,	Jessica Barfield – Southern Regional
Katie Day – Atlanta, Rene’	Rene’ Mason - Wiregrass
Kay Wilson – Southeastern,	Jean Jones – Ga Piedmont
Paula Clifton – Ogeechee	Susan Kendrick – GA Northwestern
Sherry Lowery – GA Piedmont	LaVerne Pruitt – GA Northwestern

c. Questions

- i. Strengthening Families: wants to add that TCSG uses their materials and video in various courses. Some colleges use national modules in ECCE 1103, 1105, etc... We would like access to state modules currently only available to center directors. ProSolutions/Quality Rated will give access to state modules for Strengthening Families.
- ii. Articulate with high schools? "Teaching as a Profession" crosswalk. Wanting ECCE 1, 2, 3, to articulate into ECCE 1101, 1103, 1105 and Pass the NOCTI.
- iii. Low enrollment in colleges. Colleges are being asked by administrators if they allow lower Accuplacer scores for Child Development Specialist, Program Administration, and Child Care Basics. No, is the overwhelming feeling of the consortium representatives. All levels of early childhood need quality care. If we are trying to get articulation agreements from colleges, it would not help if we lower Accuplacer scores and have lower expectations?

8. IFCC Meeting officially adjourned

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