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NEVADA STATE DIVISION OF WELFARE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Child Care and Development Fund Public Hearing Minutes

Date: June 7, 2021

Time: 10:00 AM

1. **Call to Order Steve Fisher, Administrator:** June 7, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

2. **Introduction/Purpose: Steve Fisher, Administrator**

Steve Fisher: The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services has scheduled a Public Hearing to discuss the possible adoption of the proposed amendments to the Child Care and Development Fund State Plan, as indicated on the agenda.

This hearing is being conducted both in person (locations listed below) and virtually. This hearing was noticed in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law and posted at the locations listed on the agenda, as well as the Division's website and the State of Nevada Public Notices website.

- i. Welfare and Supportive Services, Professional Development Center, 701 N. Rancho Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- ii. Welfare and Supportive Services, Central Office, 1470 College Parkway, Carson City, Nevada.

3. **General Public Comment: Steve Fisher, Administrator**

Mr. Steve Fisher explained that Item 2 on the agenda is for general public comment. No action may be taken upon a matter raised, until the matter has been specifically added to the agenda. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. Because this meeting is being held both virtually and in person, I will ask that all callers/speakers please state and spell your name clearly for the record.

- i. No public comments presented virtually or in person.

4. **For possible action Agenda Items 3A and 3B: Christell Askew, Child Care and Development Program Administrator:**

Ms. Christell Askew gave an overview of the draft plan for the proposed amendment to the Child Care and Development Fund State plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2022-2024:

A. **Section 6 Recruit and Retain a Qualified and Effective Workforce**

- a. CCDF State Plan Amendment will outline a plan to partner with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Administrators in Nevada to implement statewide efforts to recruit, mentor, and place staff into the field of early childhood.
- b. CCDF State Plan Amendment will outline a plan to strengthen business practices of child care providers and to improve the quality of child care services through Staffed Family Child Care Networks, including fiscal management, budgeting, recordkeeping, community relationships, marketing and public relations, parent-provider communication, and technical assistance.
- c. CCDF State Plan Amendment will outline a plan to use data to guide program evaluation to ensure continuous improvement in child care settings.

B. Section 7 Support Continuous Quality Improvement

- a. CCDF State Plan Amendment outlines a plan to improve the supply and quality of child care services through recruitment and support efforts.
- b. CCDF State Plan Amendment outlines a plan to provide grants to child care providers to assist with operating costs.

5. Agenda Item 3C: Public Comment: Steve Fisher, Administrator:

Steve Fisher: Item 3C on the agenda is for public comment regarding the proposed amendment. No action may be taken upon a matter raised until the matter has been specifically added to the agenda. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. Because this meeting is being held virtually and in person, I will ask that all callers/speakers please state and spell your name clearly for the record. Is there anyone virtually or on the phone who would like to speak regarding the adoption of this proposed amendment?

- i. No public comments presented virtually or in person.

6. Agenda Item 3D: Steve Fisher, Administrator

Steve Fisher: Not seeing any comments virtually or in person, I will adopt the amendments to Agenda Item 3A& B: pertaining to the Child Care and Development Fund State plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2022-2024 on behalf of the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, effective October 1, 2021.

7. Agenda Item 4: Steve Fisher, Administrator

Steve Fisher: Item 4 on the agenda is for general public comment. No action may be taken upon a matter raised until the matter has been specifically added to the agenda. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. Because this meeting is being held virtually and in person, I will ask that all callers/speakers please state and spell your name clearly for the record. Is there anyone virtually or on the phone who would like to speak regarding the adoption of this proposed amendment?

Mr. Robert Thompson, Deputy Administrator: There is a gentleman in the Las Vegas Professional Development Center who was having connection issues and was not able to hear the hearing. He does not have a public comment.

Steve Fisher: Asked Mr. Ryan Sunga, Deputy Attorney General (DAG), if the meeting needed to start over to which Mr. Sunga (DAG) stated that the meeting did not need to be started over as the hearing was being recorded for transcription and the request for the transcript could be made concluding today's hearing.

- i. No public comments presented virtually or in person.

8. Adjournment: Steve Fisher, Administrator

Steve Fisher: I would like to thank those in attendance today for their input on the state plans heard today. I pronounce this public hearing closed. Thank you all for attending.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:09 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Kareen Filippi, Executive Assistant, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services.