

The Child Care Advisory Committee held a monthly meeting on April 27, 2015. Committee members present included Mike Connelly, Greta Shackelford, Jennifer McAtamney, and Laurie Blackwell. Carla Koch and Lucinda Burns were absent. Elisabeth Lawrence arrived after roll call. Peter Grosshuesch, Laurie Best, Mike Barney, Jenise Jensen, and Emily Oberheide also attended. The following agenda items were covered:

Program Staffing/Contracts

- Emily Oberheide has been selected to Manage/Administer the program. Her Service Contract is being finalized. As part of Emily's scope of services she will eventually assume responsibility for managing the Committee meetings.
- Several candidates have been interviewed for the Enrollment Administrator position which will be part time Recreation Center employee to cover the tasks previously performed by Early Childhood Options. Expect decision by May 1.

2015/2016 Rules and Regulations

- The Committee reviewed draft of 2015/2016 Rules and Regulations. Laurie presented the initial draft of the new Rules and Regulations that incorporate the program changes identified by Town Council on March 10th:
 - Asset testing-cap at \$225,000
 - 10% resident/non-resident rate adjustment
 - Elimination of \$650 cap
 - Raise family co-pay from 12-13% to 14-15% to offset cost of other changes

Staff will continue to work on modifications to the Rules and Regulations so they can be available to the public on June 1. Applications will be due July 1 and will be processed July-August for the 2015/2016 round.

Sliding Scale

The Committee has requested that the process be changed from the family-specific scholarship calculator to a sliding scale because that will be more streamline, transparent, easier for families to use, and focuses on family co-pay as opposed to Town subsidy. The scale is still being adjusted to include a daily rate (to eliminate the free day) and to incorporate the program/formula changes discussed above. Committee requests that the sliding scale be implemented for the 2015/2016 year.

Once the Enrollment Administrator is on board, staff will be able to continue work on the scale and better evaluate the impacts to budget, to families, and to Providers.

The Committee also requested that the Gap program be referred to as the CCCAP Gap Assistance

Long Term

The immediate focus is the 2015/2016 Rules/Regulations and Sliding Scale. However, in the long term the Program Administrator/Manager will focus on sustainable revenue stream, central admin/shared services, outreach, education, metrics and outcomes, increased oversight, accountability, and efficiency, etc.

Funding is currently in place thru 2018.

The next Committee meeting will be May 18 at 3pm.