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**To:** Breckenridge Town Council Members  
**From:** Austyn Dineen  
**Date:** March 8, 2022  
**Subject:** March 2 Child Care Advisory Meeting Report

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The Child Care Advisory Committee held a regular meeting on March 5, 2022. Committee members present via GoToMeeting: Greta Shackelford, Laura Amedro, Scott Perlow, Leslie Davis, Jay Homola, Johanna Gibbs, Diana Morain, Britton Fossett and Kelly Owens. Staff from the Town of Breckenridge included Austyn Dineen, Mark Truckey, Julia Puester, and Corrie Burr. Consultants from EUA Architects joined as presenters.

## Center Update

Due to continued staffing shortages, all early childhood centers are down 1-4 staff positions. As COVID policies are beginning to relax, the centers are meeting with Summit County Public Health on Thursday, March 3, to get further guidance on school requirements and polices. Universal masking is required for all individuals two years of age per federal mandate in schools when Head Start services are present. While The School District eliminated their mask policy for more students, they are still requiring masks in Pre-K settings. Currently, Carriage House is the only Breckenridge Child Care Center where Early Head Start/Head Start are accepted and masks are required. Little Red Schoolhouse and Breckenridge Montessori are not requiring masks for staff or students. Timberline is requiring masks for staff and students ages two and older.

## AMI Tiers

The Committee also discussed a potential tiered AMI% approach for the Breckenridge Tuition Assistance Program. Staff presented this discussion to the committee as some essential workers, that are over 150% AMI, are cost burdened with the full cost of care when/if they have more than one child in care. The Committee has requested more information and data around this topic and it will continue to be discussed at later committee meeting. Currently a family with two infant/toddlers in care pay more than \$43,000 a year and \$3,500 per month.

## Frisco IGA Overview/Update

The Committee was given an update on the Frisco Child Care Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) that was approved by Breckenridge Town Council at the February 22 Work Session and is going to Frisco Town

Council on Tuesday, March 8. If Frisco Town Council approves the IGA, Frisco's Child Care Assistance application period would potentially start the night of March 8 and go through the end of the month.

### **EUA Capacity Study Presentation**

EUA Architects presented the first draft of the capacity and utilization study that was started in Fall 2021. Town Staff plans to meet with every center to talk through viability of the recommendations and then present the finding to Town Council as each center has unique operations.

### **Covid Surge Support**

The Committee was updated on the rollout of the drop in percentage paid toward childcare and the 25% credit to families that Town Council approved in January. Included in the packet is the letter that was sent to families and the local media alert.

Adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Staff will be available at the Town Council meeting for questions.