

The State Advisory Committee on the
Regulation of Child Care Facilities Minutes
Friday, February 9, 2024
10:00 am to 1:00 pm
In-person as well as Virtual Meeting
DSS State Office / North Tower Building Room 310
1535 Confederate Avenue Columbia, SC 29201

Members Present: Althea Benson
Bonnye Hughes Peebles
Chasity Lesley
Felicia O’Neal
Jessica Sharp
Lisa Corning
Rachel Ellis
Tami Nix
Tammy Compton

QUORUM reached with 9 members

Members Absent: BJ Norris Long, Justin Hopson, Brandy O’Neill, Edward Brashier, Caroline Mullins, Patricia Scarry, Lisa Flood (new member), Reginald Williams

Staff to Committee: Cynthia Lara, Sam Frederick, Melissa Outen, Rebekah Burton

Guests: April McDaniel, Child Care Licensing, Program Manager
Cathy Kovacs, Program Manager ABC Quality Columbia, SC
Frankie Peterson, Child Care Licensing Program Manager
Heather Reyes, CR&R
Jenn Adams, Child Care Licensing
Jonica Penn, Child Care Licensing, Midlands
Karen Morgan, Northwood Academy
Kena Hall, ABC Quality
Lashonja Grampus, Child Care Licensing, Low Country
Laura Davis, Child Care Licensing, PeeDee
Lori Moody, Child Care Licensing, Upstate
Melissa Starker, SC Endeavors
Michele Bowers, Early Care and Education Director
Nancy Underwood, SC Endeavors
Nicole Shea, Endeavors office Greenville
Princess Hodges, New Assistant General Counsel
Stacie Turcotte, Child Care Licensing Supervisor, Lowcountry
Tex Davis, Assistant General Counsel
Thomas Compton, Early Care and Education Center owner, Spartanburg
Tresa Nelson, CCR&R
Tylisha Hickson, Child Care Licensing

Tammy Compton, Chair, welcomed all committee members and guests. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am. The roll was taken with 8 members present.

The next order of business

Ms. Compton asked for a motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2024 at 10:13 am. The motion was made by Lisa Corning, vice chair, Jessica Sharp seconded, all in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.

Ms. Compton continued the meeting by calling for a motion to accept the agenda for today, February 9, 2024. Jessica Sharp made the motion, Althea Benson seconded, all in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.

The meeting started with the introduction of guests. Guest member, Thomas Compton, requested to speak to the committee concerning former employees knowingly making false accusations within the childcare facility to OHAN. Tex Davis cited 2 provisions that might be helpful: (63-7-430) provision of civilian action regarding bad faith reporting as well as (63-7-440) knowingly making false reports of abuse and neglect. He thanked the committee and Mr. Davis.

Chasity Lesley joined virtually and asked to reopen the minutes from the January 11, 2024 meeting to include her name as absent. Tami Compton asked to reopen the minutes and add Chasity Lesley as member absent. The motion was made by Lisa Corning, seconded Rachel Ellis; motion so moved.

Old Business

In continuing the Group Child Care Home regulation proposals, the members began with

114-515. Health, Sanitation, and Safety.

A. Child health.

(2) During hours of operation there shall be no smoking, vaping, or consumption of alcoholic beverages in the areas used by children or in the food preparation or storage areas. The second sentence is redundant and requested to be removed (part of which was revised and asking to strike). Cynthia Lara said we need to mirror center regs, which Tex Davis read aloud. Just need to fit these regs.

B. Sanitation.

(1) Tammy Compton asked to strike; Tex Davis is looking at the recommendations ~~are~~ for the licensed centers. Jessica Sharp and Rachel Ellis want to match licensing regs. Tex Davis will renumber and combine (5) and (6) to match the licensing regs.

D. Medications or medical procedures.

(3) Medication log (a) and (4) Medication errors (b) need to be combined and match the licensed center regs.

F. Diapering.

(2) Change to: Sinks used for food preparation shall not be used for handwashing after diapering/toileting, and/or assistance with toileting children.

- (3) Add the proposed first #3 and Tex Davis will match center regs. Strike to remove proposed second #3.
- (4) Individual disposable wipes shall be used at each diaper change and shall be placed in a plastic-lined, hands-free operated trash can and disposed of properly, and kept out of the reach of children. Jessica Sharp asked for this to match center regs.
- (5) Soiled disposable diapers and disposable wipes shall be kept in a closed, labeled, hands-free operated, plastic lined receptacle within reach of diaper changing area separate from other trash. Soiled non-disposable diapers shall be kept in a sealed plastic bag after feces is disposed of through the sewage.
- (6) Do not insert proposed change. Tammy Compton recommends matching center regs.

G. Staff Health.

Tammy Compton asked for wording clarification; will follow up in next meeting.

H. Fire safety and emergency preparedness.

(2) Strike original #2. Replace with proposed #2 and change the section to (114-515C). It should state: The facility shall have an up-to-date written emergency preparedness plan. This plan must include an emergency medical plan (see section 114-515C). The following must also be included: plans for sheltering in place, plans for evacuating on-site in case of fire, and plans for evacuating off-site in case of a natural disaster, or other threatening situation that may pose a health and safety hazard. This plan shall also cover intruders and active shooters. The facility shall include procedures for staff training in this emergency preparedness plan. *This is not in center regs; add to licensing regs.*

I. Transportation.

Tex Davis will research this further and will follow up in next meeting.

Tammy Compton, Chair, then asked for a motion to accept all changes made to 114-515 (B) through 114-515 (H) minus (G) and (I). Jessica Sharp made the motion and Chasity Lesley seconded, all in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.

The committee will begin the next meeting with Section 114-515 to go back over (G) Staff health and (I) Transportation.

The next tentative meetings are scheduled as follows:

- 1) March 14, 2024 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 2) April 11, 2024 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 3) May 23, 2024 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 4) June 13, 2024 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Ms. Compton then asked for a motion to adjourn at 12:45 pm. Motion made by Chasity Lesley, seconded by Tami Nix, all in favor, none opposed, and motion carried.