The State Advisory Committee on the
Regulation of Child Care Facilities

Thursday May 23, 2019
Conference Call
9:30 am – 10:30 am
DSS State Office / North Tower Building
1535 Confederate Avenue, Columbia, SC 29201

Members Present: Tricia Sheldon
Edward Brashier – via conference call
Shadie Hall - via conference call
Vicki Hoover – via conference call
Bonnye Hughes - via conference call
Roger Pryor – via conference
Kerrie Schnake - via conference call
Robin Spires - via conference call

Members Absent: Patricia (Scarry) Anderson, Tammy Compton, Brandy O’Neill, Reginald Williams

Staff to Committee: Cynthia Lara, Charlene Caldwell, Samuel Frederick, Kaline Bell, Susan Tanner

Guests: Monica Cohens, SC Child Care Resource & Referral
Sherrie Dueno, DSS Early Care & Education, ABC Quality
September Jones, Kinder Care Education

While the committee awaited members to join the conference call, they began by discussing the use of playpens and Pack’n-Plays. Once a quorum was reached, Tricia Sheldon, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:45 am.

The committee continued discussion of the following section: (A) Indoor Space

114-536 (A)(2)(b) Indoor Space: Discuss the use of playpens and Pack-n-Plays. A motion was made and seconded to disallow the use of playpens and similar equipment, and revise the section as follows: Playpens and Pack’n-Plays are not permitted.

The motion was approved by a vote of four to one, with two members abstaining.
Safe Sleep: Discuss the locations where infants are not allowed to sleep:
A motion was made and seconded to leave the section as is, which states:
Operator must not allow infants to sleep in car seats, bean bag chairs, infant
swings, play pens, high chairs, or any other equipment other than an approved
crib.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Training Record: Discuss adding safe sleep training to caregiver training.
A motion was made and seconded to include safe sleep training for caregivers
who serve infants under a year old. The section was revised to state the
following: All caregivers shall participate in at least ten clock hours of training
annually. At least four clock hours shall be in child growth and development. If
serving infants 12 months and under, one hour of safe sleep is required. The
remaining hours shall come from the following areas: program administration,
safety, health, nutrition, physical activity, guidance, infant/child CPR and First
Aid, and Blood Borne Pathogen Training or other areas as approved by the
Department.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Meal requirements: Discuss when nutritionally equivalent substitutions for
milk should be served. A motion was made and seconded to delete the reason
for using a milk substitute, and revised the section to state the following: A full
serving of milk, or a nutritionally equivalent substitution shall be offered a
minimum of one time per day.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Meal requirements: Discuss the language in the entire section. A motion
was made and seconded to keep the language as is, which reads:

1. Nutritious meals and/or snacks shall be provided every four hours.
2. A full serving of milk, or a nutritionally equivalent substitution, shall be
offered a minimum of one time per day.
3. If the family child care home provides overnight care, a dinner and evening
snack must also be served.
4. When the family child care home provides food, it shall be in good condition
free from spoilage and contamination and safe for human consumption.
(5) Safe water for drinking shall be accessible to children through the day.

The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business:

Tricia Sheldon, Chair, discussed the process of submitting the proposed regulations for Family Child Care Homes to the legislature. The first step will be to receive approval of them from DSS management, then schedule Public Hearings on weekends or evenings to allow family child care home providers to attend.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the entire proposed regulations as they are written.

The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes from the April 23, 2019, meeting.

The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Agenda from today’s meeting.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.