

The State Advisory Committee on the
Regulation of Child Care Facilities

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

DSS State Office / North Tower Building Room 310
1535 Confederate Avenue Columbia, SC 29201

Members Present:

Tricia Sheldon
Althea Benson
Tammy Compton
Lisa Corning
Chasity Lesley
Jessica Sharp
Rachel Ellis
Reginald Williams- via conference call
Felicia O’Neal - via conference call
Bonnye Hughes-via conference call

QUORUM reached with 11 members

Members Absent:

Justin Hopson, Brandy O’Neill, Vickie Hoover, Melanie Keller
Edward Brashier, Caroline Mullins, Shadie Hall,

New member:

None

Staff to Committee:

Cynthia Lara, Melissa Outen, Rebekah Burton,

Guests

Michele Bowers, Director of ECE / SC DSS
Tex Davis, Assistant General Counsel
Debra Earwood, SC Association of Christian Schools
Peggy Wilson, Child Care Licensing Supervisor, Pee Dee
Karen Hall, Child Care Licensing, Pee Dee
Emily Broach, Child Care Licensing, Pee Dee
Melissa Starker, Director, SC Endeavors
Nichole Shea, SC Endeavors Coordinator
Connelly-Anne Ragley, Director of Communications and External
Affairs/SC DSS via TEAMS conference call
Alaina Robinson, FBSCEC
Monica Bellamy, Child Care Resource and Referral Network
Frankie Peterson, Child Care Licensing
Samuel Frederick, Child Care Licensing

Tricia Sheldon, Chair, called meeting to order at 10:05 am.

The roll was called, and all Board Members, guests, and Legal Counsel, Tex Davis were introduced.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of December 14, 2022, and March 3, 2023; the motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the agenda for today March 15, 2023; the motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

This meeting's voting will decide the regulations that will be submitted by Tex Davis.

Rachel Ellis was recognized and indicated that she couldn't vote today until the members discussed the Family Home Child Care Regulations, Section 114 – 532 (E) (3).

License renewal #3 procedures with discussion from Cynthia giving options of the proper wording for the regulation to keep it consistent.

Rachel Ellis wanted to discuss Section 114- 534- C2 the changes for additional caregivers. The change was made and voted on in 03-03-2023 meeting per Tricia.

Rachel Ellis is concerned about Section 114- 536- A1E, page 21 "Indoor Space Home Structure Electrical Outlets".

Bonnye Hughes suggested that the second sentence read: "Tamper-resistant outlets are a form of safety precaution". Discussion continued. Cynthia Lara told members that she would check with the Fire Marshal.

Tex Davis wants to broaden the language; "safety barrier", "mechanism" or "safety measure to prevent shock".

The addition to the regulation will read; "Electrical outlets shall be covered with a child proof cover, safety plugs or other safety outlets/barriers to prevent electric shock".

Tricia Sheldon suggested that a vote be taken for the change.

Motion was made by Chasity Lesley, second by Rachel Ellis, all in favor-none opposed.

Jessica Sharp wanted to discuss page 16- Section- H #1 regarding Training Records, second sentence. This is present in FCCH but not in others. She wanted to include 1 hour of safe sleep training in all regulations. Tricia Sheldon and other members agreed.

Tammy Compton questioned credits not being earned for infant CPR and First Aid. Cynthia Lara and members discussed. Cynthia Lara asked if there is anything in the training records for FCCH regs.

Melissa Starker, SC Endeavors Director engaged with information about the training and the Workforce Registry process. Members discussed.

Cynthia Lara discussed CCDF funding requiring ABC providers to get certain training and was wondering if the members would want to entertain those trainings be a part of the FCCH regulations.

Discussion on the 15-Hour Pre-service Health and Training vs. Minimum Health and Safety Training additions in the regulations.

Michele Bowers, Division of Early Care and Education Director, suggested wording of the following: "The Health & Safety Pre-Service training contains 11 Health & Safety topics that may be used to earn required training hours". Tricia Sheldon asked for a motion.

Chasity Lesley motioned. Bonnye Hughes seconded. None opposed.

Tricia Sheldon asked the members if all changes could be approved but before the motion was made,

Lisa Corning questioned Section 114-532-A 4 G- Telephones for FCCH providers being listed.

After discussion, the members agreed to add a second sentence to the language.

"The number must be listed in appropriate directories to ensure 911 emergency location identification".

A motion was made by Chasity Lesley, seconded by Tammy Compton. All in favor, none opposed.

Cynthia Lara discussed considering one more FCCH regulation to be reviewed. Section 114 536 C 2- Outdoor Space of FCCH regulations of safety specifications wording to be considered. Tex Davis agreed to provide the Foster Care Regulation verbiage regarding swimming pools to be consistent.

After today's meeting, with approval from the members to draft improved FCCH regulations, Tex Davis indicated that the processing time will take 30 days or so for his returning the revised regulations to the members to decide a final vote.

Tricia Sheldon made a motion to accept the draft changes made to the FCCH regulations to submit to DSS... Tammy Compton made motion-Jessica Sharp seconded ...all in favor- none opposed.

Tricia Sheldon continued to Faith-based regulations that were discussed and drafted December 20, 2019 by Robin Spires. During March 3, 2023 meeting, Tricia Sheldon told members to review for discussion and Cynthia Lara was asked to scan a copy to every member.

Tricia Sheldon told the members that we wrote in several revisional notes but did not have a quorum in that meeting to vote for those changes.

Per Tex Davis, the most current Faith-Based regulations of 2005 are on the courts website and should be the starting point to refer to and include the notes from Robin Spires when deciding any revisions.

After much discussion, a member motioned to "table" the Faith-Based regulations activity until each member could have the 2005 regulations and Robin Spires' document to compare and Tricia Sheldon will "track" the changes for easier review. All members, Cynthia Lara and Tex Davis agreed.

The document sending will be from 2005 that will display 114-500 through 114-529 only.

No new business at this time.

We have meetings scheduled through April and the May meeting will be set for May 17, 2023 from 10:00 am To 1:00 pm.

Tricia asked for a motion to be made to adjourn.

Jessica Sharp made motion, Chasity Lesley seconded.

Meeting adjourned 12:00 pm.