

The State Advisory Committee on the
Regulation of Child Care Facilities Minutes
Wednesday June 26, 2024
10:00 am to 1:00 pm
In-person as well as Virtual Meeting
DSS State Office / North Tower Building Room 525-B
1535 Confederate Avenue Columbia, SC 29201

Members Present:

In person:

Tammy Compton
Jessica Sharp
Chasity Lesley
Rachel Ellis

Virtual:

Althea Benson
Lisa Corning
Tami Nix
BJ Norris Long
Felicia O’Neal
Reginald Williams

QUORUM reached with 10 members

Members Absent:

Bonnye Hughes Peebles, Brandy O’Neill, Edward Brashier, Caroline Mullins, Lisa Flood,
Kristin Hanna

Staff to Committee:

Cynthia Lara, Melissa Outen, Frankie Peterson, April McDaniel, Donna McLees

Guests:

Monica Akers-Bellamy, CCR & R
Tammy Penner, Family Child Care Quality Coach CCR&R
Princess Hodges, Assistant General Counsel
Cathy Kovacs, ABC Quality Program Manager
Nicole Shea, SC Endeavors Registry Manager
Hannah Sane, SC Endeavors
Stacie Turcotte, Child Care Licensing Supervisor, Lowcountry
Lashonja Grampus, Child Care Licensing, Low Country
Tylisha Hickson, Central Licensing Program Coordinator
Rosana Bryant, Child Care Licensing Pee Dee
Lakeisha Reid, Child Care Licensing Pee Dee
Debbie Earwood, SC Association of Christian Schools
Karen Morgan, Northway Academy Preschool

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am. Tammy Compton called the roll, welcoming all committee members and guests. The roll was taken with 10 members present.

Corrections were made to Minutes of 05/23/2024. BJ Norris should be BJ Norris Long and Tammy Nix should Tami Nix.

Jessica Sharp then made the motion to accept the May 23, 2024 minutes with corrections, then seconded by Rachel Ellis. All in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.

The next motion to approve the June 26, 2024 Agenda was made by Chasity Lesley, seconded by Reginald Williams. All in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.

Old Business

Tammy Compton addressed the committee by recapping the Child Care Center regulations discussed and approved as of the May 23, 2024 meeting.

The Meeting of May 23 started with 114-502 Procedures and completed discussion and approval through 114-504 Supervision. However, changes were made to 114-505 Health, Sanitation, Safety that the committee needs to vote on. Jessica Sharp made the motion to accept the changes made in 114-505 Health, Sanitation, Safety with Rachel Ellis abstaining and Lisa Corning following with the second, all in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.

To continue the discussion:

114-506 Program.

A. Program of Activities.

(7) **Lisa Corning wants to update the regulations to ADD “and technology” after the word media.**

(Reggie Williams agrees.)

B. Discipline and Behavior Management.

(1) **Debbie Earwood suggested ADDING “and discipline” after the word guidance and before the word appropriate and ADD in the second sentence after the word implemented “and communicated with families”.**

A Motion was made by Rachel Ellis to accept this change, BJ Norris Long seconded. All in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.

(2) Remove the comma in front of the colon.

(9) Committee wants to Strike this regulation. Rachel Ellis motioned to accept, BJ Norris Long seconded, all in favor, none opposed and motion carried.

Tammy Compton asked for a Motion to accept all changes made in 114-506. Rachel Ellis made motion, Chasity Lesley seconded. All in favor, none opposed, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.

114-507 Physical Site.

(7) (b) Remove the “s” in the word “regards”.

(12) Bathrooms.

(k) ADD “for preschool and school-aged children” after the word enclosed.

B. Outdoor space.

(10) Remove the commas after the word equipment and after the word zone.

(11) Remove the commas after the word Slides and the word height.

D. Rest equipment.

(1) Remove the “s” from the word Products.

E. Environmental hazards.

(3) Water hazards.

(3)(b) Remove the words and wading pools within the last sentence of the regulation.

(5) Animals: The following requirements apply in regard to animals:

(5)(f) Change the regulation to read: Parents shall be notified twenty four 24 hours prior to a new animal entering the facility. Verification of this notice shall be saved and kept on file.

Tammy Compton has now asked for a motion to approve all changes made in 114-507, Jessica Sharp made the motion, Chasity Lesley seconded. All in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.

114-508. Meal Requirements; Food Preparation and Serving; Storage and Protection of Food Supplies, Utensils and Equipment.

A. Meal requirements.

After reviewing 1-8, Jessica Sharp asked if the committee was going to change the abbreviations of DHEC for July 2024. Staff will locate the change relating to the DHEC split and will add the correct name in the proposed regulations.

(10) Add a comma after the word beliefs.

B. Food preparation.

(4) In last sentence of regulation, remove comma after the word arms.

Tammy Compton asked for a motion to accept all changes made in 114-508, BJ Norris Long made the motion and Reggie Williams seconded. All in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.

114-509. Infant and Toddler Care, Care for Mildly Ill Children, and Night Care.

A. Infant and toddler care.

(1) Stimulation and nurturing.

(b) Change the sentence to read: Children shall not remain in restrictive play equipment for more than fifteen (15) minutes at a time.

(2) Programs for infants and toddlers.

(b) ADD a comma between the words outside and weather.

(3) Feeding, eating and drinking ADD a “comma” between the words eating and the word and.

(3)(b) Change the wording of USDA Child and Adult Food Care guidelines to USDA Child and Adult Care Food program (CACFP) guidelines.

(f) In the last sentence of the regulation, ADD the word “be” in between the words shall returned and ADD the word “daily” to the end of the sentence.

(g) Change the 45 degrees to “40 degrees”.

(5) Sleeping.

(a) Change the regulation to read: Infants shall be placed on their backs to sleep in a crib on a **flat, non-inclined, CPSC-certified** crib mattress. (added commas and a dash).

(c) Change the regulation to read: No monitoring or positioning devices shall be placed in **or on** the crib. (added or on.)

(d) Change the regulation to read: No other items, bedding, or soft toys shall be in **or on** the crib except a pacifier that is not attached in any way to the infant. (added or on).

(e) ADD a comma after the word appropriate within the regulation.

(g) ADD a hyphen after the letters CPSC.

(i) Strike the words for infants or toddlers who can sit.

(6) Equipment and materials.

(d) ADD the words “and/or” in between the words Infant and toddler.

B. Care for mildly ill children.

No changes

(2) Policies and procedures

In summary, Ms. Hodges is going to check state law to see if there are any changes to codes throughout the proposed regulations.

In further discussion, Cynthia Lara, asked Princess Hodges the Assistant General Counsel to make a note to adjust the DHEC abbreviations throughout our regulations:

SC Dept. of Environmental Services (SCDES) and SC Dept. of Public Health (SCDPH).

Princess Hodges agreed to make all changes within our regulations.

Ms. Compton then requested that all changes be made by our next meeting of July 11, 2024.

At this time, there is no more discussion for 114-509 and Ms. Compton asked for a motion to accept all changes made to 114-509. Tami Nix made the motion, Althea Benson seconded. All in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be July 11, 2024 (10:00 am -1:00 pm)

August 21, 2024 (10:00 am-1:00 pm) September 13, 2024 (10:00 am to 1:00 pm) October 24, 2024 (10:00 am to 1:00 pm) November 20, 2024 (10:00 am to 1:00 pm)

Ms. Compton asked for a motion to adjourn, Rachel Ellis made the motion and B Norris Long seconded. All in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:09 pm.

