

Chicago Department of Children and Youth Services  
Children's Services Division  
Education Advisory Committee  
September 26, 2007  
Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:**

Sarah Hoonan, Easter Seals	Lupe Pasilles, El Valor
Sandra Gonzalez-Murray, CYS	Maria Gonzalez, CYS
Jody Anderson, CYS	Debra E. Walder, South Shore United
Laura Barnes, CYS	Jacinta Passament, CYS
Annette M. Ayers, Ada S. McKinley	Lucille Taylor, CYS
Kim Shelton, LSSI	Sarah Durik, MCC
Barbara O'Laughlin, CCEE	Darlene Toun, El Hogar
Mary Beltran, Onward House	Wei Lein Xian, Chinese American
Sonya Rios, North Avenue Day Nursery	Amy Labb, Albany Park
Althea Taylor, Community Learning Center	Hye K. Choi, Korean American
Cass Wolfe, Carol Robertson Center	Ekoi Florence, Easter Seals
Linda Copening, Chicago State	Yolanda Harris, Chicago State
Maria Elena Sanchez, St. Augustine	Danielle Jones, Salvation Army
Luz Maria Macias, Carol Robertson Center	Etheal Gore, Ada S. McKinley
Ernestine Carr-Thomas, Salvation Army	Milbert Touaeano, Karen Cruz
Janet Williamson, CYS	Denise Jordan, CYS
Warren Holmes, CPS	Tamera Carter, Hull House
Charles Ann Stewart, Abraham Lincoln	Marion Hayes, Trinity Resources
Patricia Jackson, North Avenue Day Nursery	Bonnie Becker, Metro Family Services
Delores Sheppard, Home of Life	Stacy Peterson, YMCA
Nicole Jones, Virena Nursery	Lyris Clark, Ada S. McKinley
Evelyn Richardson, Henry Booth House	Luis Rios, CYS
Elisia Aufmuth, CCEE	Anya Robinson, CYS
Deb Zapalik, CYS (Consultant)	Grace Clear, Erie Neighborhood House
Bonnie Kisielewski, Chicago Commons	Allen Rosales, Christopher House
Elizabeth Lockhart, Healing Temple	Grete Towers, Healing Temple
L. Brown, Healing Temple	Milford White Jr., Marcy Newberry
Margaret Jordan, CYS	Dawn Alexander, Chicago State
C. Thomas, Grant Creative Learning	Duane Kirksey, Dorothy Sutton Branch

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the September 26 Education committee meeting were distributed and reviewed by the Committee members present and corrections were noted.

Cass Wolf, Carol Robertson Center informed the committee that the minutes from the June 20<sup>th</sup> Education Advisory Committee Meeting stated that the tiered reimbursement was targeted towards Family Child Care Homes. She wanted the records to show that the reimbursement is also allowing center base child care centers to participate.

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

**I. Identification of Note taker**

Lucille Taylor, CYS was identified as the note taker for the meeting

**II. CYS Administrative Update**

Office of Head Start has informed CYS that materials for the NRS were delayed. Some sites may have received materials however CYS has not as of this date. If materials do arrive, the due date for the completion of the assessment will need to be extended. Reauthorization has not occurred and agencies will then therefore need to test all kindergarten eligible children.

The Annual NAEYC Conference will be held November 7 - 9, 2007. CYS in partnership with CPS are sponsoring a special training event for teachers and administrators titled "Supporting Reflective Teaching Practices". Internationally renowned speakers and authors, Margie Carter and Deb Curtis will provide a unique training experience. Delegate/partner agencies are encouraged to register for this special training event as soon as possible. When agencies register a team of three, the *entire* cost for the NAEYC conference will be paid for by CPS/CYS.

The National Black Child Development Institute's Annual Conference will be held in Chicago at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, 151 East Wacker Drive from October 20 – 22. Delegate/partner agencies are encouraged to register and attend.

CYS provided copies of a Pedestrian and Safety training power point presentation delegate agencies can use to conduct the training. A brief over view of how to access the power point using the COPA system was also given. If centers have not provided the training for parents and children they must complete the training before the deadline – September 30, 2007.

The intent for the remainder of the meeting was to view and listen to a webinar set up by the Office of Head Start – "Our Approach to the new 2008 PRISM". However, due to some technical difficulties from Washington, D.C. the Committee members were unable to view the webcast, but were able to listen to some of it.

The next month's meeting is scheduled for the third Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.