

**Brief Minutes from the MCCMSCCA Meeting – 9-26-18**  
**(Montgomery County Chapter of the Maryland State Child Care Association)**

- I. Chapter Elections by consensus:
  - Chair: Marcia Tivoli, Potomac Valley Academy
  - Co-Chair: Astrid Crookshank, St. James Children’s Center
  - Co-Secretary: Bernadine Occhiuzzo, Cedar Lane Nursery School
  - Co-Secretary: Suzanne Funk, Geneva Day School
  
- II. The regulations regarding the Basic Health & Safety course are not yet been published for public comment; perhaps they will be in October or November. MSCCA is advocating that the final language gives providers a reasonable amount of time before the new regulation goes into effect.  
Though there is a requirement to have an “annual update” for the course each year, it has not yet been designed and providers do not have to do annual updates at this time.
  
- III. The Kirwan Commission – seems intent on enacting universal pre-k with many aspects that seem developmentally inappropriate and/or not practical for our workforce and for child care businesses to succeed. No child care providers on the Commission. Hoping that the recommendations do not get funded.
  
- IV. The Quality of Care Report was released by DHHS this past week. To support more families seeking quality child care programs in the county, it appears that the WPA will be funded to allow for higher subsidies, co-payment, and/or tax credits for families. This appears to be a move towards universal Pre-K programs in the county, which may impact existing child care programs.
  
- V. Julie Dobies, from Kaplan Early Learning Company, spoke of the Quorum program to provide on-line staff training. For questions and more information, she may be contacted at 1-800-334-2014.
  
- VI. Discussed having some mid-day meetings this year so that other providers might be able to attend. After learning that the October meeting of OCCD will feature Jenn Nizer and Steven Hicks, the Chair and co-Chair decided to keep the October meeting at 8:15 am on Thurs 10/25 before OCCD.