



MARYLAND STATE CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION  
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - FULLY VIRTUAL

Board Meeting Agenda

**Thursday, January 18, 2024**

1:00-3:00pm

**Meeting Call to Order at 1:00p**

Board Members		Chapter Representatives	
Executive Director- Chris Peusch-	X	Anne Arundel County—Courtney Feather	
President-Lisa Dickinson	X	Baltimore City— OPEN	
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.- Ruthi Claytor	X		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.- OPEN		Baltimore County—Quandra Greene	X
Secretary- Astrid Crookshank	X	Baltimore County—Caitlyn Holley	X
Treasurer- Kim Ritchey	X	Carroll County—Amanda Beacham	X
Immediate Past President—Marina Maier		Cecil County	
Business Rep—Barry Benesch		Frederick Co/ -Cindi Webb	
Member-at-Large—Barb Dubik		Harford County—Julie Dobies	X
Member-at-Large—Kristen Miller		Howard County—Randi Albertsen	X
Member-at-Large—Deb Kamplain		PG County—Deborah Williams	X
Member at-Large —Imani Angela Rose	X	MoCo County—Jan Williams	X
Member-at-Large—Carolina Reyes	X	MoCo County - Tracey Clay	X
Member-at-Large- Syretha Storey	X	Washington County—April Singleton	X
Pres Emeritus/Wash Co—Charles Wainwright	X	Alt Mem at Large—	
Guest - Brooke Scott/Nicole Morris	X		
Guest		Carroll County -	

**Outcomes for meeting:**

1. Discuss legislative agenda for MSCCA and review bill list
2. Discuss hot topics including-Child care Scholarships, our advocacy tool kit, surveys, media and Evening in Annapolis Feb. 12
3. Discuss AIB new recommendations
4. Discuss agenda items for OCC Advisory Council meeting Feb.15

**Call to Order** (**Turn your cell phones 'OFF'/or 'vibrate' ONLY**)

President- Lisa Dickinson

### Introductions of Board Members and Guests

Chris Peusch, Executive Director-

NCCA and Brooke Scott and Nicole Morris from NY Life Insurance - Child ID program. Program for parents for when they need to communicate with authorities if something happens to their child. Interested in hosting an event for families. Free to parents and center. Data collected in specialized system that deletes after each child. no prints saved. Typically added to other event at location. Share flyer to chapters if their members might be interested.

### Minutes- December 2023 Board meeting minutes

Astrid Crookshank, Secretary

### MOTION 1: To accept the Dec minutes Quandra/April . Vote: All in favor. Motion Passed

### Treasurer's Report (Budget and Finance)

Kim Ritchey and Chuck Wainwright, Treasurer &

Emeritus Chairs

Financials distributed to Board

### MOTION 2: To Accept the Treasurer's report as sent. Astrid/Quandra. Vote - All in Favor Motion Passed.

#### New Business:

- ~Officially welcome Kristen Miller from alternate Member at Large to official Member at Large due to Bonnie Hendershot retirement. And Julie will now take over as representative for the Howard co chapter
- ~Guests: Brooke Scott- New York Life Insurance Company – Child Id cards to protect children and partnership opportunities.
- ~Priorities Agenda for 2024- overview and make any edits to 2023  
Keep the priorities as from 2023. Just adjust the date.

### Motion 3: Accept the changes on the Priorities Agenda as detailed by Chris, Jan/Ruthi. Vote - all in favor. Motion Passed,

- ~Legislative agenda 2024 - funding is priority for MSCCA. Governor's agenda just released, includes funding for scholarships. Carolina: Thank everyone for their efforts, big win to see Gov listen to our advocacy. Waiver language strengthened, to hold LEA's more accountable to build bridges to community partners. Second part: AIB report, new recommendations: develop model hubs to support private providers. shared services and facilitates like grant writing, communication, business models. Working on these bills to support programs.
- CCCPDF change while in college 10 hrs of work , after graduating 20 hrs per week.
- Age of 19 for Lead Teacher QuAL: Ask to waive age requirement if you have a CDA and are 18.
- New commission to focus on access and affordability for 0-3 children/families.
- United Way of MD working on centralizing Criminal background, central office from Maryland, not regions.
- Expanding HB1219 and the Alternative pathways, looking for other ways to do practicum and how to use experience and credentialing as college credit, and how that can translate.
- MSDE/CCS Will look to reinstitute Scholarship copays based on sliding scale.

-Next step, Evening in Annapolis.

-Safe Sleep training being promoted in regulation. only for centers.

-NEW: PreK funding formula for community providers is different from LEA's . MSDE payment to PreK Exp grant programs, not in a feasible way for businesses. could we change the payment model. could Scholarship or salary be auto paid, so large items could be secured. Then smaller items still paid 30 days.

~New advocacy toolkit- feedback Chris Peusch

~New surveys on CCSP issues- feedback- slides Lisa Dickinson

review slides from Survey. Good responses. shows many programs have difficulty with or don't understand many parts of CCS payments. 60% say their financial stability is affected by delayed payments. 71% say their issue was not resolved to their satisfaction after reaching out for help. Will continue to collect family surveys. Carolina translated the provider one into Spanish, and offered to do the same for the family survey.

~Unintended Consequences Pillar 1- Randi A and Chris Peusch -

~Children's Opportunity Alliance of Montgomery County partnership with MSCCA and Aspire

MSCCA was approached by MoCo Children's Opportunities Alliance to partner to support programs in MoCo interested in PreK. Randi - working on a proposal with the cost to MSCCA of 3 tiers of support. 1. JUST Writing the Grant 2. Writing the Grant and Assist with Invoicing 3. Writing Grant, Tech Assistance with report writing/Invoicing, AND Serve as Liaison between program and LEA.

Moco Children's Opportunities Alliance wants to move forward and fund up to \$50k. Need to review with the Board, it would be for Grant Cycle FY24-25. This will allow MSCCA to try out the model, while supported by their funds.

**MOTION 4: Support MSCCA moving forward with the MoCo partnership with the Children's Opportunities alliance and Aspire; Carolina/Astrid Vote/ MOTION 4 PASSED**

~Evening in Annapolis Feb. 12, 2024 - include some of the CCS Survey data into talking points. Including the Child Care Scholarship Rally, message : "You have funded it, now fix it!" MSCCA subcommittee has met to plan. Reg is open for the Annapolis night.

~Registration has launched Jan 16 for MSCCA Conference by the Sea 2024-40 years Buckle Up! -Astrid C.

~Board Members Committees assignments and requests- final meeting schedules for all committees for 2024 including Bylaws and Nominating Committee

~Chapter meeting schedules – submit by January 31. 2024 to Board and we will get on website and send out in Constant Contacts

~Statewide Town Hall with MSCCA on Blueprint Pillar 1- AIB partnership

~Rebuilds grant concerns

#### **Committee Reports**

ARTICLE XI

COMMITTEES

The following will be **standing committees**, including, but not limited to: Nominating, Administrative and By-laws, Legislative, Membership and Member Services and Professional Development. The President shall appoint such Standing and Ad Hoc Committees as may be needed.

See Committee brief descriptions in your orientation binder.

**Nominating Committee:** Past President Chair, Chapter Representatives participate in committee-Marina Maier, Chair and All Chapter Presidents/Leaders are committee members.

**Legislative - Legislative Task Force, Public Policy & Program Oversight and Regulations:** Carolina Reyes, Member at Large, Chair

**Biweekly** meeting with MSDE updates- First meeting of 2024 was Jan 10th. Discussion on notes submitted- waiting for minutes.

**Pre-K grants – Chris P met with MSDE and AIB about continuous issues- some addressed in unintended consequences**

**MSDE has indicated all prek grants will be open by end of February 2024 or before.**

**Prek grants will also allow for an increase in initial draw of funds up to 25%**

**NOGAS will be out much earlier**

**Fixed costs sent automatically- salary/tuition**

**Rebuilds grants-** numerous issues and complaints shared widely-MSDE addressing

**Legislative Task Force meetings- MFN Public Policy Meeting and** Compass meetings shared-bill lists and language shared

**Administration and Bylaws Committee**- Chair/s Barry Benesch and Imani-Angela Rose

**Membership and Membership Services**- Chair/s -Chuck Wainwright, Lisa Dickinson, Caitlin Holley- Renewals. website and certificates for 2024- Board outreach-new business members COA MoCo- Push for renewals and new members- Board support and next steps

**Professional Development:** Chair- Astrid Crookshank

CBTS24 Registration went live on Tues Jan 16. First time Treebranch did full registration buildout on Cvent platform, some challenges getting new payment process to allow \$400&reg fee.. Thanks to PDC crew helping with Soft Launch feedback.NEXT STEPS: media blitz w/flyers for reg and especially for evening activities, sponsors for bags/badges, shirts and swag, board outfits, decor etc.

**Nominating Committee:** Marina Maier and Chapter Presidents' - please provide a schedule for 2024 and the scope of work of policy and procedure manual.

**Licensing, Oversight and Regulations:** Waiting on MSDE to share any updates or new regs- MSCCA subcommittee form this year to review and make recommendations on changes to regs

**Workforce Advancement Branch** (formerly Credentialing): experience and hours from licensing do not align with quality  
**MSDE** is updating application to allow ITIN numbers and not only social security numbers to address equity issue

**Maryland EXCELS:**

**Child Care Scholarships:** Fund it and Fix it! Portal updates, issues, improvement and recommendations

**Family Engagement Coalition:** meets quarterly on Mondays

**Lead Commission Meeting:** meets the first Thursday of each month

**Trauma Informed Care Commission:** Meets 8:30 am on Mondays

**Business Member Representative:**

**Membership/Community Outreach/Communications/Committee:**

Membership drive – working with TBG to fix membership video- Renewals out- Reminder out -Certificates will be out this month

**National Child Care Association/NECPA:** Representatives from NECPA and NCCA share

**President's Report:**

**Chapter Reports:** *(Please submit your review in writing, meeting schedule and membership roster)*

Anne Arundel County Millersville)		Courtney Feathers (The Goddard School)
Baltimore City		Vacant
Baltimore County Mills)	Quandra Green, Precious Ones ELC and Caitlin Holley	(The Goddard School-Owings)
Carroll County		Amanda Beecham (Carroll Community College)
Frederick County	Montessori	Cindi Webb, The Learning Bee and Frederick County Day
Cecil/Harford County Kaplan EL		Janelle Schmidt, Harford Day School and Julie Dobies
Eastern Shore: <i>Upper and Lower</i>		Vacant
Howard County-		Randi Albertsen – Innovations in Education
Montgomery County	Jan Williams	St. Francis International School and Tracey Clay, Celebree School,
Montgomery County		
Prince George’s County		Deborah Williams-Jaycees
Washington County (Western Maryland) Totlot		Kids Care Kim Ritchey & April Singelton -Ritchey’s

**Executive Director’s Report-**

Christina Peusch

**MOTION 6: Move to Adjourn Julie/April.**