

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY EDUCATION

**NORTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE COMMISSION
2012-13 THIRD QUARTER MEETING MINUTES**

February 4, 2013
319 Chapanoke Road, Ste. 120
Raleigh, NC 27699
Conference Room 300

Commission Members Present

Julia Baker Jones	Angela Beacham
Kevin Campbell	Sue Creech
April Duvall	Elizabeth Gilleland
Norma Honeycutt	Robin Kegerise
Laurie Morin	Vicki Narron-Warren
Janice Price	Richard Rairigh
Michael Smith, M.D.	William Walton, III.
Glenda Weinert	

Commission Members with an Excused Absence

Maureen Hardin	Kathryn Clark
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Division of Child Development & Early Education Staff Present

Anna Carter, Deputy Director	Dedra Alston, Program & Policy
Jani Kozlowski, Program & Policy	Kamiran McKoy, Program & Policy
Mary Lee Porterfield, Program & Policy	Karen Ferguson, Program & Policy
Tammy Barnes, Regulatory Services	Lorie Pugh, Regulatory Services
Laura Hewitt, Regulatory Services	Alexi Gruber, Dept. of Justice
Andrea Lewis, Regulatory Services	Lisa Lyons, Regulatory Services
Tammy Tanner, Regulatory Services	Kathy Shepherd, Workforce Standards
Letitia Echols, Dept. of Justice	Holli Britt, Regulatory Services
Kim Wimberly, Regulatory Services	Connie McAdams, Program & Policy
Sherri Hall, Program & Policy	Ron Byrd, Subsidy Services
Branda Watford, Administration	Barbie Anderson, Regulatory Services
Jennifer Lawrence, Regulatory Services	Melissa Stevenson, Regulatory Services
Carolyn Lindsay, Regulatory Services	Beverly Moore, Regulatory Services
Brenda Kennedy, Regulatory Services	Deanna Hoxworth, Regulatory Services
Jeff Gaster, Regulatory Services	Cindy Wheeler, Program & Policy
Sharoneta Garner, Regulatory Services	Lisa Lyons, Regulatory Services

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Julia Baker Jones called the meeting to order and reviewed housekeeping. The Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest statement was reviewed. No Child Care Commission members had any conflict of interest or potential for conflict of interest. Roll call was done by Ms. Kamiran McKoy. Commission members Kathryn Clark and

Maureen Hardin were granted excused absences. Ms. Baker Jones reviewed the agenda, materials that would be discussed during the meeting and the North Carolina Child Care Commission Purpose Statement. No Commission members had questions concerning these items. The Second Quarter, November 7, 2012 minutes were reviewed for approval by the Commission.

Commission Action:

Dr. Michael Smith moved to approve the November 7, 2012 meeting minutes. Ms. Norma Honeycutt seconded. It was suggested that on page five, fourth paragraph, the word “for” should be deleted. Ms. Baker Jones called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Division of Child Development and Early Education Report-Anna Carter

Secretary Aldona Wos, M.D. was appointed in January of 2013 as the new Department of Health and Human Services Secretary. Effective January 23, 2013, Dr. Deborah Cassidy left the Division and Deputy Director Anna Carter will be leaving the Division on March 1, 2013, to join Child Care Services Association. At this time there is no information about who will be replacing Dr. Cassidy and Ms. Carter. Ms. Carter is hopeful that someone will be in the director’s position before she leaves. Time limited reassignments have been made to support the NC Pre-K program and the Early Learning Challenge grant. As directed by the 2011 budget bill, \$5 million in recurring cuts will go to non-profit agencies effective March 1, 2013. There is a \$4.3 million cut to Smart Start programs and NC Pre-K programs operated by Smart Start Partnerships. This represents one third of the cut assessed in fiscal year 2012/2013.

Ms. Jani Kozlowski reviewed updates regarding the North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten Advisory Committee. Ms. Angela Beacham is the NC Child Care Commission representative on the NC Pre-K Advisory Committee. The Governance Workgroup has been meeting since January of 2012. They created a NC Pre-K site application and a site selection rubric which establishes a system for site selection. A select pilot of Pre-K Contractors will test the process to see how it will work in a variety of regions across the state. Teacher compensation was placed on the agenda at the request of former Acting DHHS Secretary Delia, who shared concerns regarding teacher compensation requirements for Pre-K. The intent is that teachers in private settings should be paid at the same level as public school system teachers based on their education. The discussion will continue in the Rates Workgroup, keeping in mind the issues of fair compensation weighed against the ability of centers to afford it and maintain standards.

Ms. Carter continued with statistical information concerning the NC Pre-K program. A 2011/2012 to 2012/2013 comparison of need categories showed that the percent of children served in each category did not vary significantly from the two years. Comparisons of Pre-K classroom counts by auspice were shown from 2006 through 2013. The different auspices include Head Start, Head Start in Public Schools, For-Profit, Non-Profit and Public Schools. There was also comparison of Lead Teacher Qualifications by auspice between 2011/2012 to 2012/2013 showing increased numbers

of teachers that hold the B-K Licensure and BA/BS degrees. The data show that overall quality has been maintained. An extensive discussion among Commission members followed regarding auspices, quality, and site selection process, with attention to equity by county vs. state-wide standards.

The Criminal Records Check Implementation legislation went into effect on January 1, 2013. The Fiscal Note is currently under review. An automated payment system will be established. Providers will pay \$25.00 for the federal background check with a \$1.50 processing fee. The provider will not have to be rechecked for a new job, but all providers will complete the full background check process every three years. Criminal records information can be sent by email so that the information will be less likely to get lost. Commissioners expressed some concerns regarding the transparency of information for the implementation process and the timeliness of processing turnaround. They also mentioned the difficulty of filling positions or potentially losing candidates kept waiting for a check to be completed before they can be hired. Ms. Carter reminded them that it is at the General Assembly's request that criminal record information will now be required before the caregiver begins caring for children, giving parents and the employer assurance of the individual's criminal background status. Concerns with the turnaround time for these checks were discussed and Attorney Alexi Gruber explained the information that is reviewed and the process that DCDEE goes through to qualify individuals. The Workforce Education Unit reports that teacher education evaluations are down to a three-week turnaround time and administrator education evaluations are running at a five-week turnaround time.

Ms. Carter stated that there has been a dip in the subsidy waiting list, possibly due to reduced funding availability, so families have given up and are not presenting themselves. Total service reductions affected 3,116 children in nine counties: Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, New Hanover, Pender, Pitt, Randolph, Stokes, Wake and Wilson. Reverted funding from 15 counties allowed for some reallocations that reinstated services for 1,636 children across the state (657 preschool, 979 school-age), prevented further terminations and allowed \$2,815,256 to be redistributed across the state for these purposes. SEEK update information remains the same from the last Child Care Commission meeting.

The Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge money was received by the state in January, 2012. Many goals have been met and exceeded since then. A contract was awarded to the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute and Child Trends to work on a validation study of North Carolina's Tiered Quality Rating Improvement System (TQRIS) proposal. A Curriculum & Formative Assessment course offering Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credit has been developed and the train the trainer effort is complete. The training will become available for providers starting in the next few months. Contracts for the other Race to the Top projects are in process.

Ms. Carter closed by stating that she has enjoyed working with the Child Care Commission for the last 20 years. The work they do is important to families and children. She commended them for their hard work and said that she will be available as

a different type of resource. The Child Care Commission thanked and applauded Ms. Carter for her services.

Meeting break at 10:42 a.m., resumes at 10:50 a.m.

Fiscal Note Update-Dedra Alston

Fiscal notes have to be approved by the Department before they can be submitted to Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) for approval, which is where they are now. Ms. Kozlowski will discuss the current changes in the fiscal note that have been incorporated by OSBM. The Child Care Commission has an opportunity to include their suggestions at this meeting. These rules have been voted on for publication of text by the Child Care Commission at a previous meeting. On the third page are the rule changes and background information. Page four includes the fiscal impact statements, how many people will be affected, the cost and if cost was reasonable. Page five includes some calculations. This version is currently under review by OSBM and has more details included than the fiscal note that the Department approved. The Child Care Commission can review this information and refer questions to Ms. Dedra Alston. Ms. Baker Jones asked the Commissioners to take a minute to review the document. They asked for clarification as to whether criminal background information and the employee's name are reported prior to them being hired at another facility. The checking of the Responsible Individuals List is new according to Ms. Carter, and is now done on a routine basis. There was a question about the physical card of fingerprints, and what happens if it is smudged; Ms. Carter was not sure if the original card is retained for re-submittal or if it is returned. Commissioners inquired as to whether fingerprints are stored in an electronic database. Ms. Carter stated that the system does not save the fingerprint card once the needed information is gathered. The current process for the three year check at the Division of Child Development and Early Education is limited on how much fingerprint information is kept in the system. Ms. Baker Jones asked the Commissioners if there are any issues in the fiscal note. Fingerprints being checked every three years and the information being kept in the system for a limited amount of time is an issue. They requested that this information remain in the system in the event there is an incident with a child care provider. Ms. Carter preferred that the Commission approve the fiscal note by teleconference and not wait until the Child Care Commission meeting that will be held in May 2013. As soon as the Division of Child Development and Early Education learns from OSBM that the fiscal note has been approved, they will inform the Child Care Commission and set up a time for a teleconference call and vote.

Rule Making Discussion-Emergency Preparedness Rules - Laura Hewitt

Laura Hewitt of the Regulatory Policy Unit stated that there have been a few changes since the last meeting concerning Emergency Preparedness and Response. On page three, line 34, changes were made by adding the definition to lockdown drill. On page five, line 10, a change was made to the definition of shelter-in-place drill. On page six, line 36, "annual emergency preparedness and response drills" was deleted and "lockdown or shelter-in-place drills as defined in 10A NCAC 09.0102 " was added. On page nine, lines 31-36 were changed to read "During the required fire, lockdown, or shelter-in-place drills, an evacuation crib or other device shall be used in the manner described in the

Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan as defined in 10A NCAC 09.0607(e).” On page ten, line 1(s) the definition of emergency preparedness and response drill was removed. In Rule .0607, line 20, a change was made to delete “each employee’s” and add “the provider’s personnel file.” In line 26 of Rule .0607 the Child Care Commission agreed to end the sentence after the word “center.” An amendment was made to part (c) of Rule .0607 to read “All substitutes who are present at the center shall receive orientation on the center’s Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan . . .”. In part (d), line 32, of Rule .0607 “...develop and annually...” was added while in this same line “[at least annually]” was removed. The Commission did not think volunteers should have to participate in the training. On page 11, line 18 “including but not limited to” was removed and “[such as]” was added back to this line. On page 16, line 36, “within six months complete...” was added. On page 17, line 7 “to ensure all information is current.” was added. On page 17, Line 23 “[.0607(e)(9)] .0102.” was added. On page 18, line 14 “an” was removed, “shelter in place drill” or “lockdown drill” was added and “emergency preparedness response drills” was removed. In line 17, axillary is misspelled. On page 24, line 11 “...emergency preparedness and response drills,” was removed and “lockdown or shelter-in-place-drills” was added. On pages 25 and 26, in (B) table delete “Emergency Preparedness and Response Drill Log” and add, “Lockdown or Shelter-in-Place Drill Log.” As a provider, Ms. Honeycutt stated that the Emergency Preparedness does not work well. She has a safety committee that includes a policeman to figure out the preparation. The Commission can not specify emergency preparedness and response plans because they may not be applicable to centers based on where they are located.

Meeting break for lunch at 12:10 p.m., resumed at 1:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Nancy Haddock is the director of a non-profit, Developmental Day center that has been in business in Wilmington, North Carolina since 1957. The purpose of her addressing the Child Care Commission was to talk about child care subsidy in Developmental Day programs. Their net cost report must be submitted to the Controller’s Office to get their subsidy rates and Ms. Haddock sees an enormous disparity in how these are calculated. Ms. Haddock’s reason for coming to the Child Care Commission is to get an increase in subsidy funds. Per Ms. Kozlowski, this is not an issue for the Child Care Commission. Ms. Gruber confirmed that the rule regarding rates falls under the Social Services Commission. Ms. Kozlowski advised Ms. Haddock that DCDEE’s Subsidy Advisory Committee could be asked to address her concerns.

Jenna Nelson, representing the Childcare Resource and Referral Council in North Carolina, thanked the Child Care Commission for all the work they do. Her system helps families access childcare systems. They also help childcare businesses to become licensed. Ms. Nelson informed the Child Care Commission to contact her organization if they can be of further assistance.

Linda Piper, director of the North Carolina Licensed Child Care Association, stated that she was very excited about the conversation held today by the Child Care Commission

about balancing what's good for children and what's doable for providers and businesses. Ms. Piper shared an idea regarding criminal records check, using a color coded identification system to indicate the level of clearance held by staff (e.g. green = cleared, yellow or red = not cleared yet, may not be left alone with children). Ms. Piper invited members of the Child Care Commission to attend a conference at which the tag line is "involvement equals influence", reflecting the role of advocates with legislators and regulations. The providers who attended in the past really benefited from these conferences. Ms. Piper encouraged the Child Care Commission to attend for the chance to listen to what providers have to say.

Linda Caldwell, military child care liaison for North Carolina families, especially those in the National Guard and the Reserve, thanked the Child Care Commission for their interest in things that military child care has been doing for a long time: emergency preparedness, background checks, etc. Military families are very savvy and take their high expectations of child care as they move out into communities. Ms. Caldwell stated she values the Child Care Commission and, though retiring, she will encourage her successor to attend the meetings.

Public Comment closed at 1:30 p.m.

Rule Making Discussion continued-Laura Hewitt

The Emergency Preparedness discussion was continued. The Child Care Commission members expressed that this rule is to get providers to think about what they need to do.

Commission Action:

Mr. Walton moved to publish the Emergency Preparedness and Response plan with the aforementioned amendments. Ms. Beacham seconded. There being no further discussion, Ms. Baker Jones called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Cell Phone Use-Laura Hewitt

According to Ms. Hewitt, of 25 states with a QRIS, only one has a rule prohibiting cell phone use. This rule was a QRIS Advisory Committee recommendation. The Child Care Commission reviewed the document for discussion. Ms. Gruber recommended the commissioners consider adding the cell phone use rule as a standalone, rather than amending the existing rule, in order to give it more weight. She reminded the Commissioners that the entire "Transportation Requirements" rule would be open for review by the Rules Review Commission if the rule is done as an amendment to the existing transportation rule. The Commission moved (l) to the end of the section and put the new rule right after the current rule requiring staff to have a functioning cellular telephone or other functioning two-way device. To be consistent with (k) they added the language, "functioning two-way voice communication device." They deleted "In case of emergency during transport."

Commission Action: **Ms. Weinert moved to approve Rule .1003 as amended in letters (k) and (m) and then re-lettered. Ms. Price seconded. There being no further discussion, Ms. Baker Jones called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.**

Temperature Taking-Laura Hewitt

On line 7 "...or 102 degrees rectally" was marked out. Temperatures should be taken under the arm or orally instead of rectally in child care programs due to specific health training needed as well as the potential for abuse. One individual asked what would happen if a child did not have arms. The suggestions were made that an ear thermometer could be used or a doctor recommended alternative. Ms. Baker Jones asked the Child Care Commission to read through the whole section of the rules before making a vote to change the rule and to keep in mind that Rules Review could make changes to other rules under the "Infectious and Contagious Diseases" heading, as well. On page three, line 8 there are inclusion/exclusion requirements. The Commission noticed that .2404(c) could be interpreted to mean that children less than three months of age cannot be in care. They decided to remove (c) and change the wording in (a) to "Centers may enroll mildly ill children over three months of age who meet the following inclusion criteria : . . ."

Commission Action: **Dr. Smith moved to publish 10A NCAC 09 .0804 as amended in discussion and to publish 10A NCAC 09.2404 as amended in discussion. Ms. Morin seconded. There being no further discussion, Ms. Baker Jones called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.**

Naptime Lighting-Laura Hewitt

The amendments on lines 17 and 18 on page two were QRIS recommendations. Commissioners felt that this rule has a subjective nature and that it is hard to quantify adequate lighting. They asked the staff of the Division of Child Development and Early Education, if this is something field staff finds challenging. The reply was no.

Commission Action: **Ms. Weinert moved to refrain from moving forward with suggested wording and leave Rule .0714 as is. Ms. Price seconded. There being no further discussion, Ms. Baker Jones called for a vote. The motion carried with one "nay" vote.**

Update From the Rules Review Commission NC Pre-K Rules-Alexi Gruber

There were two child care rules outstanding after the last Rules Review Committee meeting: 10A NCAC 09 .3004 and 10A NCAC 09 .3008. Neither of these rules required Child Care Commission action at this time, but Ms. Gruber wanted to update the Commission about them.

Attorneys for the Rules Review Commission had objected to the Formative Assessments Rule, 10A NCAC 09 .3008 because the rule did not specify what areas of child development the tool would assess. Ms. Gruber asked the Child Care Commission to review the amended Formative Assessments Rule and indicated that the Rules Review attorney was fine with the language. The Child Care Commission took no action on that rule and Ms. Gruber said she would present the changes to the Rules Review Commission at their next meeting.

Ms. Gruber then explained that although no action on the Pre-K Religious Activities rules was required, she wanted to revisit the rule language with the Commission and explain the Rules Review Commission's concerns. Ms. Gruber explained that she has been back to the Rules Review Commission three times to discuss this rule. Some of the Rules Review Commissioners were concerned that N.C.G.S. § 110-88.1 prohibited the Child Care Commission from adopting rules that restrict religious instruction at religious-sponsored child care facilities. One of the Rules Review Commissioners proposed an amendment to the rule that would exempt these types of facilities. Ms. Gruber asked the Child Care Commission if they would like section (b) to be included.

Ms. Gruber explained that if the Rules Review Commission does not approve this rule, the rule goes away and child care facilities would not be prohibited from teaching religion during the NC Pre-K day. The rule must be approved by a majority of the Rules Review Commission in order to be approved.

Ms. Gruber explained that she wanted to discuss this pending rule with the Child Care Commission so she could better express to the Rules Review Commission the concerns of the Child Care Commission if the rule is not passed. Ms. Gruber explained that the rule would only affect NC Pre-K programs in religious-sponsored facilities, and reiterated that the Child Care Commission had felt the rule was needed because of several factors.

The Child Care Commission was concerned that there isn't a lot of choice of NC Pre-K programs in some counties, and that children and their families might not be able to choose a non-religious facility. The Child Care Commission also felt that the NC Pre-K program was a state-sponsored program and, therefore, an extension of the public school program.

One of the Commissioners asked whether there could be an option for parents to opt out. Ms. Gruber stated that the Commission could rewrite the proposed rule to include this type of request. Ms. Gruber explained that under current law, other states that allow parents to send their children to religious schools at taxpayer expense use a voucher system and parents in those states have a choice as to where to send their child. She also reminded Commissioners that as long as the classroom in question is not an NC Pre-K classroom, religious instruction is permitted under the regular licensure laws.

Ms. Baker Jones asked if this can be approached from a different perspective to make sure programs are inclusive. Ms. Gruber stated that the rule can be withdrawn and the Commission can work on another rule. Ms. Gruber explained that even if the rule does

not pass at Rules Review, the Child Care Commission can always propose a new rule later on if it wishes to do so.

Ms. Gruber asked the Commission if they wanted to change the rule as the Rules Review Commissioner suggested or whether they wanted to go forward and ask the Rules Review Commission to vote on the rule as currently written.

Commission Action:

Ms. Honeycutt moved to send the Pre-K Rules with the changes in 10A NCAC 09-.3004 as written on lines seven through ten. Ms. Gilleland seconded. During discussion, Ms. Gruber explained that when the Commission votes, it would be helpful for her to make sure she knows why the Commission voted as it did so she can explain their position to the Rules Review Commission. The Commission's concern was that if it is only one center in a county that has NC Pre-K, there is no balance in equal choice for parents. This rule could prevent children from going to centers, but also providers from opening. Ms. Baker Jones called for a vote. Fourteen Commission members were in favor, one Commission member voted against the motion.

Ms. Gruber stated that she will let the Child Care Commission know the decision of the Rules Review Committee.

Meeting Break at 3:00 p.m., resumes at 3:10 p.m.

Glitter, Projectiles and Magnets-Dr. Michael Smith

Dr. Smith explained that choking occurs during swallowing and aspiration occurs during breathing. Hydrocarbons breathed in such as glue and ceramic glaze can damage the lungs; glitter is not harmful. He distributed a handout listing what can go wrong at a child care center and reasons they occur. The handout includes data on Unintentional Deaths From Airway Obstruction. Dr. Smith explained that these risks are greater for children under four years of age. The handout also lists Hazardous Foods for Young Children that include hot dogs and sausages, chunks of meat, grapes, raisins, nuts, hard candy, etc. Dr. Smith provided a list of Age-Appropriate Toys and a handout regarding Reported Toy-Related Deaths by Type of Toy and Date of Death. These items included un-inflated balloons, balls getting stuck in the throat, choking on a toy figure, etc. Hazards that require a visit to the Emergency Room include coins getting stuck where vocal chords are located, at the top of the stomach in the sphincter muscle and the aorta location where it pushes on the esophagus, potentially perforating it. Camera batteries/button batteries can cause damage more quickly and X-rays should be done on the same day. Magnets can do a lot of harm along the track from the stomach to the

intestine; seek care immediately. The handout shows a small parts test device (choke tube) that can be obtained from Discovery Toys, Toys To Grow On and other mail-order sources to help identify what is not appropriate for children.

New Business-NC Child Care Commission Members

Ms. Baker Jones opened a discussion period for Commission members to raise issues of concern. During discussion, she reminded members of the need to focus on those areas where the Commission has authority to act.

Mr. Campbell distributed handouts to the Child Care Commission with data regarding the number of classrooms and enrollment in NC Pre-K in various auspices and used a side by side comparison to show why this information should be presented as sites and not classrooms. In the discussion it was mentioned that this comparison points to issues of governance and site allocation. Mr. Campbell recommended that this information also be presented to the Legislature. Slot rates were underfunded from the beginning. Points of discussion addressed the move of 4 year olds who qualify for subsidy to NC Pre-K and out of other child care programs with the subsequent weakening of the private sector's ability to provide quality care for other ages and the need for full funding of the cost of NC Pre-K.

Mr. Campbell addressed director qualifications in section (b) of Rule .0704 Pre-service Requirements for Administrators. He would like to explore the idea of allowing a second person who meets the requirements to share director responsibilities. If the rules are reconsidered, it should be with the idea of expanding options. Ms. Gilliland said that NAEYC accreditation allows a sharing of director qualifications and responsibilities. Mr. Campbell also raised concerns with education equivalencies and certification. He was asked to put together examples of these concerns and the Commission can ask experts to address them.

Mr. Campbell raised a concern regarding ITERS requirements to take even babies outside if it is 104 degrees or as cold as 0 degrees. The weather service should not determine when a child can and cannot go outside. It was explained that the reason for specificity of this rule was in response to the vague statement "weather permitting" that it previously contained. The Commission suggested that a few of its members review this aspect of the Environmental Rating Scales outside of the Commission meetings. Ms. Baker Jones asked for members who would be willing to be a part of this group. Ms. Beacham, Mr. Walton, Ms. Price, and Mr. Campbell agreed to be a part of this review.

Ms. Honeycutt has an interest in the Statewide Healthy Social Behavior Project. This project trains teachers on how to work with children who have social and behavioral issues. Ms. Honeycutt's concern was that there are so many more children with challenging behaviors and teachers need to be taught about children with emotional and developmental issues. She finds that there is hardly anything mentioned in rule pertaining to these issues and that this needs to be a foundation of the classroom. Ms. Honeycutt would like to have the Commission look at requiring in rule teacher

orientation on dealing with social/emotional behaviors. Ms. Duvall has provided such training to a facility's staff, to help the teachers who have students with these very issues.

Mr. Walton stated that a four year old who is in child care for over four hours a day must go outside for an hour. In the NC Pre-K day of 6 ½ hours it is difficult to fit an hour of outdoor time into a tight schedule. Mr. Walton would also like the Commission to discuss Rule .0903 requiring providers to offer three meals a day to children who are in child care for more than 6 ½ hours per day. He said this leads to sending a snack home in the book bag at the end of the day.

Ms. Baker Jones asked if there are any other topics that the Child Care Commission would like to discuss. There was a question regarding the purchase of dirt that has a warning label to keep out of reach of children. It was explained that there are dirt products available without components that endanger a child's safety.

Ms. Baker Jones asked the Child Care Commission how they felt about this meeting. The meeting was described as having a far more open dialogue at the table, feeling free to discuss topics, tapping in with the Division of Child Development and Early Education and other resources. Ms. Baker Jones was complimented on keeping the meeting moving along. Everything on the agenda was accomplished. Ms. Baker Jones asked the Commissioners if there was something that could be done to better understand the connections between what is and is not under the Child Care Commission's jurisdiction. What should be rule versus policy? Should the Child Care Commission discuss a subject if they are not in a position to have input? It was asked what are the open meeting law stipulations and how does the Child Care Commission work through these stipulations if they are to conduct small work groups? Ms. Gruber stated that she does not think there is an issue with that. Ms. Baker Jones asked those members who did not say much if there is anything that would make the meeting more inclusive. No recommendations were offered.

Commission Action: Ms. Honeycutt moved to adjourn. Ms. Duvall seconded. There being no further discussion, Ms. Baker Jones called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

The next meeting of the North Carolina Child Care Commission is scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2013.