

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

**NORTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE COMMISSION**

**Fourth Quarter Meeting**

**Monday, June 26, 2017**

Dix Grill  
1101 Cafeteria Drive  
Employee Center  
Raleigh, NC 27603

Commission Members Present

**Glenda Weinert, Chairperson**

**Zac Everhart, Vice Chairperson**

**Melanie Gayle  
Elizabeth Gilleland  
Lisa Humphreys  
Brooke King  
Kay Lowrance**

**Charles F. McDowell III  
Amelie Schoel  
Linda Vandevender  
William Walton, III**

Commission Members with an Excused Absence

**Elliott Blades  
Laurie Morin  
Donnette Thomas**

Division of Child Development & Early Education Staff Present

<b>Anna Carter, Director</b>	<b>Lorie Pugh, Regulatory Services</b>
<b>Janice Fain, Administration/Policy</b>	<b>Kimberly Mallady, Regulatory Services</b>
<b>Heather Laffler, Administration/Policy</b>	<b>Allison Keisler, Regulatory Services</b>
<b>Dedra Alston, Administration/Policy</b>	<b>Melissa Stevenson, Regulatory Services</b>
<b>Branda Watford, Administration/Policy</b>	<b>Heather Marler, Workforce</b>
<b>Andrea Lewis, Regulatory Services</b>	<b>Jenine Gatewood, NC Pre-K</b>
<b>Cindy Wheeler, Early Education Branch</b>	

Attorney General's Office Staff

<b>Bethany Burgon, Commission Attorney</b>	<b>Alexi Gruber, DCDEE Attorney</b>
<b>Letitia Echols, DCDEE Attorney</b>	<b>Mercedes Restucha-Klem, DCDEE Attorney</b>

**Welcome**—Chairperson Weinert called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and reviewed housekeeping items. The chairperson asked guests to be careful not to park in restricted areas and ensure that all meeting attendees are wearing visitor badge. Chairperson Weinert read the conflicts of interest statement and asked whether there were any conflicts noted for today? Chairperson Weinert called for roll call and Ms. Dedra Alston performed roll call.

Chairperson Weinert asked the Commission to review the meeting minutes in their materials.

**Approval of May 8, 2017 Special Rules Meeting Minutes**

**Commission Action:** Chairperson Weinert asked for approval of the May 8, 2017 Special Rules meeting minutes. Ms. Schoel motioned for approval and Ms. Lowrance seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion of future Commission meeting dates and rules action**

Chairperson Weinert opened the floor for discussion of future meeting dates and rulemaking deadlines that are upcoming. Ms. Alston explained that the temporary rules will remain in effect as long as the permanent rules adopted to replace them are submitted to the Rules Review Commission by July 14. The Commission decided to review and set dates for future meetings after the meeting tomorrow (Tuesday, June 27).

A discussion of how to approach the review of proposed rules followed the discussion of upcoming dates. Staff shared with Commission members that Commission proposed language in the document is in red, DCDEE proposed changes are in red, and yellow highlight shows technical changes that Ms. Alston made to satisfy filing requirements with RRC.

Chairperson Weinert welcomed and introduced DCDEE's new Director, Ms. Anna Carter.

**Director's Report – Anna Carter, DCDEE Director**

Ms. Carter introduced herself and shared information about her most recent position as President at one of NC's three lead child care resource and referral agencies, Child Care Services Association (CCSA) in Durham. Prior to working with CCSA Ms. Carter served as Deputy Director at DCDEE. She thanked the Commission for their hard work to move the Division's rules review forward.

In her Division report Ms. Carter noted new leadership staff at DHHS, Susan Perry-Manning, Deputy Secretary for Human Services and Michael Becketts, Assistant Secretary for Human Services. Ms. Carter also reported on legislative activity, that a State budget was passed by the House and Senate and now is with the Governor for signature. Ms. Carter discussed several bills that have not yet been passed that may impact DCDEE including legislation related to teacher lateral entry BK licensure and education articulation.

Ms. Carter commented that the early childhood system fared well in the budget bill approved by the General Assembly. Subsidy expansion to increase market rates for infants and toddlers in Tier 3 (largest) counties were provided, as well as increased market rates for school-age children in Tiers 1 and 2 counties. This funding provides a good first step for Tier 3 counties and hopefully will be expanded as it has been in the Tier 1 and 2 counties. This year's budget also provided the first expansion of Smart Start in several years, \$3.5 M in Year 1 increasing to \$7 M to Year 2, as well as funding to implement Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, an early literacy program in local partnerships.

Additional expansion funds were provided to expand NC Pre-K enrollment in the amount of \$9 M in Year 1, and \$18.3 M in Year 2. In addition, 12 new DCDEE positions to be federally funded were authorized through the budget bill. 7 of these will be in the Early Education Branch, 4 in Subsidy, and 1 in Regulatory Services (infant/toddler specialist).

In addition to the financial actions established through the Budget, Special Provisions were included requiring follow-up reports and efforts on behalf of the Pre-K to K transition process and the State's Early Childhood Education vision. Preliminary reports on each of these topics were required and provided to the General Assembly as a part of the previous budget bill.

Another Special Provision will require Child Care Subsidy Assistance applicants to cooperate with child support enforcement as an eligibility requirement for the Subsidy program. DCDEE has concerns about this process creating potential delays for families accessing subsidy, and there is expected to be a significant cost to implement this requirement through automation, for a potentially low increase in available resources. Division staff have asked for information and are waiting to hear from federal child care agency contacts regarding whether this requirement for eligibility is an acceptable practice, and will begin work in conjunction with DSS and Child Support Enforcement Divisions based upon that information.

A new B-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Interagency Council would be established to strengthen work done across ECE and NC's public school system and to strengthen collaboration between DPI and DHHS. This council will be led by Susan Perry Manning and an Associate Superintendent at DPI.

CCDF program updates include the Division sending an email blast to providers and partners about DCDEE and the Commission's authorization of an extension of the date requirement for completion of Health/Safety training. In addition, several changes have been made to the Division's website providing additional consumer information. The Division has also created and published a new suspension and expulsion policy, in response to CCDF reauthorization requirements, and trainings on this topic will be available soon. DCDEE is continuing its involvement and management on a project to focus assistance on children and families experiencing homelessness, and putting supports in place for providers and families.

From the Regulatory Services section, activities and updates include criminal background check (CBC) portal development continuation. The Division is now able to email qualification letters to applicants, which eliminates delays created by postal mail. Family child care home listening sessions are continuing across the state to allow providers an opportunity to share their concerns with Division staff.

In the Child Care Subsidy Assistance section the NC FAST pilot continues to roll out, with new counties coming on this month. Related to NC FAST and processing of subsidy payments, Chairperson Weinert asked about reports she has received regarding underpayments in Buncombe County. Ms. Kim Miller explained that the Division has been made aware of this problem and is working to resolve it and make providers payments correct. Underpayments will be made up in the next payment cycle. Ms. Carter added that the attendance roster submission deadline will be extended for an additional day for providers in July, due to the July 4th holiday.

Ms. Carter also provided information about a new subsidy compliance unit which is being created and how this group will help the Division assess compliance for participation in the subsidy program. The creation of this work unit is a result of a CCDF reauthorization requirement.

Ms. Carter provided information on behalf of the Workforce Education unit on the WORKS system and scanning of filed through Scribbles.

Mr. William Walton asked about the suspension/expulsion policy requirement that is a part of the CCDF rules. Ms. Carter explained the intent of this requirement is to be sure that children with behavioral and other challenges are able to access the services and supports they may need in child care. The requirement makes providers more accountable in ensuring that these supports have been offered and that if a child or family must be removed from a program that proper protocols are completely followed. The published Division child care policy is based on what is currently in place in the NC Pre-K program.

Ms. Amelie Schoel asked that Commission members receive handouts of the Division report slides as that presentation is being made. Ms. Carter agreed that the Division would provide those following this meeting for this report and in meeting packets for future meetings.

**The Commission took a break and reconvened at 10:21 a.m.**

**Review of Proposed Center Rules**

Ms. Gruber discussed the rule changes proposed and provided to members for the current discussion. Red indicates Commission changes and blue text indicates the Division's recommendations based on public comments received.

**Rule changes:**

- .0102 – Definitions: on p. 1, line 21 clarifies the definition of Bio contaminant; on p. 4, line 26 clarifies that the NC Child Care Health and Safety Resource Center administers approved ITS-SIDS training
- .0302 – Application for a License for a Child Care Facility – on p. 10, corrects typo on line 17– should be “ensuring compliance,” not “assuring compliance”; EPR plan requirement is removed on p. 10 line 37 as part of the application process for a license because each facility has a year to complete this plan
- .1401, Indoor Space – p. 14 line 18, clarifies what is a “center in a residence” (3-12 children vs. 3-15 children) based on whether only school-age children are enrolled
- .1402, Outdoor Space – p. 15, line 11 – removes the word “inclusive”. Chairperson Weinert asked about the requirement for 75 square feet x number of children enrolled? Ms. Gruber responded that this is also the current requirement and not a change in rules.
- .0205, Access to Child Care Facility – on p. 18 – changes title to remove “Parental” access since other individuals may also desire and be allowed access to facilities. On line 9, clarifies that it is the operator’s responsibility to not *knowingly* permit a person on the premises who has been convicted of a reportable offense. This change addresses a public comment. Starting on line 11, clarifies that if a person is disqualified from being involved in child care, they are not allowed on the premises when children are present. Ms. Gruber

explained this wording existed but was moved to this rule because it relates to access to a facility.

- .2318, Child Care Center Record Retention, p. 21 - in table – clarifies the requirement is for general first aid training rather than being limited to ‘pediatric’ first aid training
- .0508, Activity Schedules and Plans, p. 25 – to address public comments re: outdoor play time, DCDEE proposes to eliminate the intermediate 45-minute play period for programs operating 5 to 6.5 hours per day. This leaves a 30 minute (operates less than 5 hours) and a 60-minute requirement (operates 5 hours or more). It was noted that this 60-minute requirement was different from a shorter requirement that the Commission had discussed in an earlier meeting. Ms. Gruber referenced public comments in support of the 60-minute requirement for full day programs from the UNC Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, the NC Alliance for Health, and the NC Dietetic Association. The NC Licensed Child Care Association recommended that NC Pre-K programs operating 6.5 hours/day be required to have 45 minutes of outdoor time. The Commission discussed leaving the rule here as written (30 and 60 minute requirements) but changing the requirement to 45 minutes in the NC Pre-K rules (Section .3000). Ms. Gruber said the Commission could instruct staff to leave “as is” here and then provide an exclusion for NC Pre-K, which the Commission chose to do.
- .0509, Learning Environment, p. 27 and .0510, Activity Areas on p. 29 Rule .0510, no substantive changes, but tracks language from Foundations for Early Learning.
- .0601, Safe Environment p. 36 - proposes to require an electronic or paper copy of manufacturer’s instructions for equipment purchased after 9/1/2017 – or a date not meant to be retroactive. Mr. Everhart asked whether every piece of equipment – chairs for example – are required to have manufacturer’s instructions? Discussion took place on requiring instructions when available and reasonably required.
- .0510, Activity Areas - p. 28 – Mr. Walton asked how this aligned with the recent declaratory ruling requested by Crème de la Crème related to materials in class areas? Ms. Burgon said an equivalent requirement was addressed in the declaratory ruling by referencing this prospective rule.
- .0604, Safety Requirements - p. 37 – public comment recommended that the rule state more clearly that children will be in a tobacco-free environment. On line 36, made it clear that centers in a residence must be tobacco free during operating hours. On p. 39 – beginning with line 9, aligns bio contaminant definition with federal law but adds that disposal of bio contaminants (such as diapers and used tissues) in a covered plastic lined receptacle is allowed. Mr. Everhart reminded the Commission that OSHA controls these types of requirements, superseding child care rules, and it may be helpful to reference this. Ms. Burgon recommended that after the Commission has completed their review of rules that the group think about how to educate providers on other agencies’ requirements that they should be aware of.
- .0605, Outdoor Learning Environment - p. 39, line 26 – language added to allow for manufacturer’s instructions to be electronically accessible. p. 42, line 20 – based on a comment recommending that small trampolines be allowed for therapeutic purposes DCDEE suggests adding language to allow mini trampoline use
- .0606, Safe Sleep Practices - p. 43, line 7 – adds that swaddling is not acceptable in a safe sleep policy; line 14 – requires that visual checks of infants be completed in person, based upon public comment; lines 22-23, removes specific time constraint for removing infants

from sitting devices when asleep (having fallen asleep); line 26 – removes reference to required safe sleep poster, which is not available anymore; p. 44 - lines 10 and 11 – technical change to clarify language

- .0607, Emergency Preparedness and Response - p. 45, starting on line 32 – from public comments, makes provision for the fact that some public school LEAs already complete EPR training and plans; accepts these plans in lieu of child care licensing EPR requirement
- .0804, Infectious and Contagious Diseases - p. 54, removes reference to “Caring for our Children” publication; DCDEE recommends following American Pediatric Society recommendations; this was also a public comment received. New language aligns with American Pediatric Society guidelines.
- .0901, General Nutrition Requirements - p 56, adds website reference for requirements for meal patterns; p. 57, adds option for milk
- .0903, Requirements for Children Aged 15 Months and Older, p. 58, changes title to eliminate gap for children age 15-23 months, rule stays the same
- .1003, Safe Procedures - p. 60, seating chart requirement removed from documents required to be in a vehicle when transporting children; p. 64, aquatic activities, public comment indicated confusion on how rule was worded so line 4 allows for exploration of educational activities involving puddles, etc.; language added to clarify that this is allowed.
- .0703, General Statutory Requirements - p.67 - line 20 – equivalency forms are no longer on line, applicants and providers now have WORKS portal, so removes this reference; line 28 – clarifies that centers in residence are included in this rule.
- .1101(a), p. 72, DCDEE recommends adding a facility’s transportation policy and identification of building and premises safety issues to be required to be reviewed during first six weeks of employment.
- .1102, Health and Safety Training Requirements - p. 73, line 8 - from public comment related to who is required to complete the health/safety training, DCDEE recommends that the following be *excluded*: staff who do not have direct caregiving responsibilities; service providers; and substitutes who provide services for less than 10 days in a 12-month period. Chairperson Weinert asked how would public school systems be monitored for substitutes not having to meet training requirements? Ms. Gruber replied that schools are responsible for tracking the number of days their substitutes work to determine whether they are not required to complete health and safety training. Ms. Schoel asked whether the language in line 11 should be changed to a substitute providing services for less than 10 days in a 6-month period instead of 12 months? Commission will consider this, but no active changes were made.
- Mr. Walton asked to return to Rule .1101, New Staff Orientation Requirements, p. 72 line 20 and asked if 16 hours should be required as the minimum number of hours that must be completed? Ms. Humphreys stated that a minimum number needs to be set within the rule. Discussion followed on what the minimum should be, or how to account for whether these hours were completed. No changes were made.

<p><b>Lunch break at 12:00 p.m., meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.</b></p>
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**Public Comment began at 1:00 p.m.**

- Angela Beacham – Little Town Learning Center – 5-star developmental day center in Pender County, also submitted public comment. Ms. Beacham requests clarification of what developmental day “services” are per Rule .2902 – “Rule .2902 requires developmental day services to be available to preschool children 8 hours day/5 days/week, 12 months/year.” She feels that the wording does not match what is provided for children after 3 years of age for 10 months of the year, and not all year round. Ms. Beacham also requests that Developmental Day facilities be allowed to revert to 5-star staff-child ratio, rather than developmental day ratios, during time outside of the school year. DD facilities do not receive any developmental day funds for the months when school is not in session and so this would lessen their staff and other costs during that time. Ms. Beacham recommends that the Commission allow flexibility in the number of on-going training requirements, and recommends that those be renewed every five years, rather than every three.
- Linda Piper, NC LCCA – Ms. Piper spoke about the impact of administrative actions on providers and feels that in the past, these were not issued as frequently. She is particularly concerned that these actions include a fine and restriction on new enrollment, are posted on the DCDEE website and result in multiple licensing visits, and therefore potential violations of rules. Ms. Piper requests that DCDEE provide the Commission with a presentation on the administrative action process. Ms. Piper also added that she has been pleased with DCDEE’s responsiveness to some NC FAST issues.
- Vic Coffenbury – Pitt County Schools, NC Pre-K administrator – Mr. Coffenbury stated that he is glad to see public school accommodations being made in some of the rules for child care requirements that are already met through public school requirements. He requests that the statute that *prohibits* a public school employee from being required to take a lifesaving course be examined and compared to child care training requirements, because he feels that this creates a conflict for the requirement to complete CPR/First aid training. Regarding public school substitute teachers and child care training requirements, this has created a dilemma of having to have all substitute teachers in the public school system complete health and safety training, which is very expensive and potentially unnecessary. He and the other school systems would appreciate any consideration available regarding this matter. Mr. Coffenbury would like to see the Commission focus more on public schools and their Pre-K needs/situation to realize that there are additional constraints and regulations for these programs. Mr. Coffenbury asked that in any way possible that the Division please release information related to NC Pre-K expansion amounts as soon as possible so that classrooms can be set up quickly. Finally, he stated that he has concerns about ECERS and that the system requires that NC Pre-K classrooms be scored on items that schools (or those classroom managers) have no control over.
- Annette Gentry, Creative Day School – Ms. Gentry asked if the expulsion rules are written? She shared the practices of her facility to get assistance for parents of children who have challenging behaviors and stated that she recommends an expansion of the availability of consultants who help with supporting children’s social/emotional health.

**Family Child Care Homes Provider Discussion began at 1:30 p.m.**

- Santea Griffin, speaking on:
  - Rule .1709 - Recommended that inspections be limited to areas of providers' premises where children are cared for, unless there is an emergency reason for inspecting outside of those areas or probable cause to inspect an additional area.
  - .1719 – Staff suggests that this requirement be deleted, requiring providers to post signage re: tobacco restrictions in home and in transportation because this prohibition is already/also required to be included in program policies.
  - .1723 – fire extinguishers – Suggests that DCDEE should issue vouchers for purchase of these items, rather than have it be a cost to the provider; notes that carrying an unmounted fire extinguisher could be dangerous in a vehicle, in the event of a crash or sudden movement.
  - .1705 – on-going requirements; recommends that this be deleted, as the 18 hours is burdensome.
  - .1706 – suggests deleting the proposed requirement that the operator models appropriate eating behaviors, since they may have allergies or other food requirements.
  - Asked whether CCDF reauthorization/new requirements apply to all providers, or just those who serve children in the subsidy program.
  - Stated that listening sessions start by agency staff sharing examples of illegal homes, and felt all programs should not be compared to these situations.
- Janie Truesdale – Family Child Care Home operator for over 12 years. Ms. Truesdale stated that she believes in keeping children healthy and safe and provides a true sense of family in her facility. She would like more information shared with the Commission and others about *successful* FCCHs. She stated that she was cited for a violation for not having a smoke detector but this was not the actual situation. Ms. Truesdale added that she had previously worked as a Head Start Director but chose to operate a smaller facility. She feels some of the rules are not fair and disagrees with how some of the rules are enforced. She requested that FCCHs be treated with respect and be inspected using probable cause as context.
- Carol Williams – operates a center in a residence – Ms. Williams requested that providers' privacy be respected when family child care homes are inspected. She stated that she enjoys coming to Commission meetings to hear other perspectives expressed and she feels that communication is key. Ms. Williams recommends that the language be clarified in the rules related to inspections, monitoring, and investigation; she said it is not clear why the terms changed. The listening meetings were facilitated by child care consultants, and Ms. Williams stated sometimes early childhood teachers feel intimidated to speak out with this personnel present. Ms. Williams would like to have more of a partnership with licensing.
- Monife Balogun--Mama Bee's Day Care (FCCH) – Ms. Balogun feels that providers have honored the requirements put in place for their programs and are well educated. She requested that providers like her not be compared to those who have not followed the rules. She stated that all parties involved need to work together to help the children. She



requested that there be better communication among parties, and suggested that at least one Commission meeting be held in the evening so that providers could attend.

Chairperson Weinert commended the family child care home providers for attending the meeting to share their recommendations and feedback. She also thanked them for submitting written public comments for the Commission to consider. Chairperson Weinert commented that by listening and working together, the best rulemaking can occur, and noted the tremendous amount of respect she has for the providers' hard work and efforts.

### **Resume Review of Center Rules**

Ms. Gruber resumed the review of proposed rule changes.

- Rule .0604, Safety Requirements - p. 37 line 32 - technical change (typo resolution) is needed to state that children shall be in a “smoke free” not “smoking” environment
- .1102(b)(10), Health and Safety Training Requirements - p. 74, lines 6 and 7 - revised to allow training to be received in general topic areas rather than specific ones; line 10 change to first aid appropriate for the ages of children in care; line 11 has the extended date allowed by the federal agency added (9/1/18); these changes are also reflected on lines 20-23.
- Ms. Gruber was asked about the statute that Mr. Coffenbury had referenced in the public comment period prohibiting a requirement of lifesaving training for public school employees? Ms. Gruber stated that the child care health/safety standards are tied to federal statute; if schools accept the federal funds, the expectation is that federal requirements will be met.
- .1103, On-Going Training Requirements - p. 75 – DCDEE recommends that Recognizing and Responding to Suspicions of Child Maltreatment may be included in health/safety requirements and does not have to be repeated every three years. Also, DCDEE revised, per Commission’s direction, that the health/safety training requirements must be completed every five years (except for CPR/First aid); restores previous requirements of pro-rated hours depending on education and experience from current rule. Mr. Walton asked about prorating the number of hours on p. 76, Paragraph (e) according to education and experience? Language was changed from “Any staff working less than 40 hours per week may choose the option for 20 hours of in-service training...” to “Any...may choose to complete on-going training requirements as outlined in Paragraph (a) of this rule....”
- Ms. Carter referenced comments from the NC Institute for Child Development Professionals that recommended that what type of training or information sharing constitutes ‘professional development’ should be more clearly defined. Chairperson Weinert agreed this is a good idea and would like to be a part of this type of conversation.
- .1104, Professional Development (PD) Plan - p. 77 – DCDEE proposes that PD plans should be reviewed annually; and that language be added on line 7 to require that the plans be completed collaboratively by the administrator and staff member.
- .1105, Training Approval - p. 77, line 29 - proposed change from no less than 20 to 15 days prior to training for training forms to be submitted by trainer to DCDEE; Commission had requested a decrease from 20 days for this requirement. Also, makes changes on p. 78 to remove the specification of “pediatric” from CPR/First aid training.

## Approval of Center Rules

**Commission Action:** **Ms. Humphreys made a motion to approve the center rules as discussed and amended today. Ms. Gilleland seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

## Review of Family Child Care Home Rules

Ms. Gruber provided a review of the proposed rule language for family child care homes.

- .1702, Application for a License for a Family Child Care Home - starting on p. 84 – clarify that CPR/First aid courses are to be appropriate for the ages of children in care (deleted pediatric); clarifies that documentation of ITS-SIDS training is required, if applicable; adds a requirement for a provider to record an email address. On p. 85, specifies what will be reviewed during a pre-licensing visit; line 10 DCDEE recommends adding provider's transportation policy and identification of building and premises safety issues in the review of operational policies; new text on bottom of p. 85 is language that was moved from p. 84; on p. 87, requires owner to apply for a new license at least 30 days before acquiring ownership of a family child care home.
- Ms. Gruber noted to the Commission that staff may re-number or reorganize the rules, working with RRC, without the Commission having to re-approve.
- .1703, On-Going - starting on p. 88 – deletes pediatric First Aid/CPR; allows Recognizing and Responding to Suspicions of Child Maltreatment training to count for health/safety training; does not require to be repeated every three years. On line 22, requires health/safety training to be completed within a year of receiving a license. Starting on line 26, some exemptions from health/safety training are added. On p. 89, line 6, removes the specific name of the training; also, the previous number of hours for family child care homes for on-going training is restored. Starting on line 8, the on-going training requirements for every five years is shown.

There was discussion on whether required training hours should be prorated based upon family child care home providers' education and experience, as is allowed for centers. Discussion continued that if the on-going hours of training required were reduced, the fiscal impact of the training requirement would also be reduced. It was noted that OSBM would need to approve any revised fiscal note, even if there were less cost. DCDEE staff will make the changes approved and submit a revised fiscal note to OSBM for approval.

On p. 89, line 26, language about regionally accredited bodies is to be added back to the rule. This is the same requirement as for centers. On p. 90, line 26, the requirement is that submitting a training roster be submitted within 15 days of training completion.

- .1706, Nutrition Standards - p. 94 - language is deleted requiring that menus must be posted a week in advance. On p. 95 the gap is addressed for children ages 15 months and older in language that mirrors what is required for centers regarding the development of

professional development plans for teaching staff. On p. 96, the same language for beverages is added as was for centers.

- .1708, no changes except that it is recommended to move and renumber this rule to the beginning of Section .1700.
- .1709, Chairperson Weinert suggested adding language regarding “probable cause” for when the premises of family child care homes may be inspected beyond the designated caregiving space. Ms. Gruber explained there is already authority in G.S. 110-105(a) for probable cause, so this does not need to be repeated in rule.
- .1710, Access to the Family Child Care Home – changed language to clarify that the operator shall not knowingly permit a person on the premises who has disqualifying convictions.

**The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.**