

**PIECES Advisory Council
January 14, 2005
Charleston Civic Center**

Council Members Present: Sharon Meadows, Becky Gooch-Erbacher, Michelle Rollyson, Tim Crum, Ginger Huffman, Scott McClanahan, William White, Kay Carpenter, John Stallings, Pam Roush, Rick Butler, Randy Bridgette, Mary Ann Osborne, Frank Caputo, Mary Francis Bleidt, Rashida Dickerson, Sandy Murphy, Kay Tilton, Margie Hale

Public Present: Teresa Hicks, Gwen Stover, Lena Rapp, Roger Kratz, Barbara Redman, Melissa Colagrasso, Michelle McFall, Dru Myer, Larry English, Tammy Hoover, Sherre Key, Connie Chester, Carolyn Long, Morna Greene, Jan Michael, Judith Woods, Puth Ann Ponzurick, Terri Wontrobski, Riley Reid, Gail Ronat, Kay Westfall, Gladys Simpson, Donna Lafferty, Melissa Smith

Staff Present: Karen Duckworth, Ann Nutt, Kelley Worley, Melanie Clark

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<p>Welcome</p> <p>Introductions</p> <p>Approval of minutes- On page 3 of the minutes Dr. Marvel should read Dr. Marple.</p>	<p>Sandy Murphy welcomed the attendees that do not normally attend PIECES.</p> <p>Sandy welcomed Mr. Bill White from WVEA as a PIECES Advisory Council member.</p> <p>Mary Francis made the motion to reflect the changes in the minutes. Pam Roush seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p> <p>Mary Ann Osborne made the motion to accept the minutes as changed. Dr. Rick Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>No comment</p>
<p>Executive Committee Report- The committee met twice in December to look at the issues with the change in the state's administration.</p> <p>Martha Walker has been named as Secretary of DHHR.</p> <p>Dr. Stewart will remain as State Superintendent of WVDE.</p>	<p>Sandy will continue to work on contacting Jay Cole to discuss PIECES and PIECES accomplishments.</p>
<p>Regulations and Standards Report-(handout) On the bottom of page 2 the bullets 7 & 8 refer to Playgrounds.</p>	<p>Kay Carpenter made the motion to go through each section of the report.</p>

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<p>The WV Pre-k Steering team met and reviewed the Regulations and Standards report and started revisions to Policy 2525. The State Board of Education wants the revisions to the Board by the March meeting. PIECES needs to look at Policy 2525 revisions before it goes to the State Board of Education.</p> <p><i>Section 2- Requirements for all WV Pre-k classrooms</i></p> <p>The WV Pre-k Steering Team proposed compromise health and safety standards based on the recommendations of the Regulations and Standards Committee Report. The standards retained much of the integrity of the child care licensing language with limited revisions to make the language fit WV Pre-k and Policy 2525. In general, the sections recommended for inclusion were those that were not otherwise regulated. The following standards were discussed by the Advisory Council:</p> <p><i>Staffing-</i> Recommend retain new employee orientation, section 8.6.d.</p> <p><i>Supervision of Children in Groups-</i> Council members discussed clarification of “two staff members on premises” to mean another adult is readily available.</p> <p><i>Supervision of Individual Children-</i> In number 1, the section/reference number will be added when incorporated into Policy 2525.</p> <p>The Abuse and Neglect will be added as part of the orientation.</p> <p><i>Space Requirement-</i> Council discussed the lack of flexibility of the 35 sq. ft. for school buildings that were built to the School Building Authority specifications. The</p>	<p>John Stallings seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p> <p>Dr. Butler amended the motion to review both the Regulations and Standards report in tandem with the revision of Policy 2525. Mary Ann Osborne seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p> <p>Bill White made the motion that a review process be used for school systems with criteria of a minimum of 30 sq. ft. and what “useable space” is available to the WV Pre-</p>

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<p>Council discussed concerns around safety issues, ECERS-R requirements, and the term of “useable space”. The concern was to offer an opportunity for review of alternative ways to meet the classroom 35 sq foot/child requirement.</p> <p><i>Furnishings, Equipment, and Materials-</i> No comments</p> <p><i>Program-</i> No comments</p> <p><i>Child Health-</i> No comments</p> <p><i>Nutrition and Food-</i> Mary Ann Osborne suggested changing “model’ to “encourage’ in the 3rd paragraph.</p> <p><i>Sanitation-</i> No Comment</p> <p><i>Animals-</i> Council members were concerned about the “no birds’ requirement. This is regulation came from the Health Department.</p> <p><i>Safety and Emergency Operating Procedures-</i> No comments</p> <p><i>Environmental Safety-</i> Council discussed that 85 degrees seemed hot for a classroom.</p> <p>Lead Paint is to be researched to insure it is covered in other regulation. If not, the child care licensing standard will be added to the health and safety standard. Carolyn Long noted that lead paint was addressed in the counties facilities plan.</p> <p>Section 3: Areas the committee resolved.</p> <p>Section 4: Section 4 of the report included areas that the committee did not reach a satisfactory</p>	<p>k children in the school. Kay Carpenter seconded the motion. Reflection of the Council members: 5 for the motion. 10 against the motion 4 abstained.</p> <p>Language to change to “encourage”</p> <p>Clarification from the Health Department will be provided to Council members at the January 22nd meeting.</p>

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<p>consensus. WV Pre-k reviewed the report and proposed compromise for the Health and Safety standards in Policy 2525.</p> <p><i>Personnel Issues-</i> Each of the agencies will follow their regulations for personnel.</p> <p>The final two issues to be discussed at the January 22 meeting. The Council identified what the issues/ concerns were for those areas:</p> <p><i>Outdoor Safety-</i> Issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fence or natural barrier 2. When does the requirement go into effect? <p><i>Transportation-</i> Issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transportation Log 2. Additional person on the bus 3. Child restraints 4. Sign on /off the buses 	
<p>Regulations and Standards Committee- Beth asked the PIECES Council if the next charge the committee could work on it the revision of the Child Care Licensing to conform with some of the Head Start and Public School Standards.</p>	<p>Mary Ann Osborne made the motion for the committee to work on the revisions to Child Care Licensing. Becky Gooch-Erbacher seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Public Awareness – Margie Hale passed out the “Tool Kit” from the Public Awareness Committee. She will talk more about this at the January 22nd meeting.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting Date: January 22, 2005 10:00 a.m. Ann Nutt will email the location.</p>	<p>Meeting date for February will be discussed at the January 22nd meeting.</p>
<p>Adjourn Sandy adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for the hard work they are doing on behalf on WV’s children.</p>	