

**PIECES Advisory Council
Regulations & Standards Committee
November 15, 2004**

Present: Ruth Ann Ponzurick, Kay Nesselrotte, Linda McBee, Jan Micheal, Becky Gooch-Erbacher, Melanie Clark, Lena Rapp, Beth Hall, Kay Tilton, Jan Griffith, Jim Reddick, Mary Quick, Morna Greene, Carolyn Long, Ralph Paugh, Mary Chipps, Bill White, Frank Caputo, John Stallings, Mary Ann Osborne, Bill Huebner, Bobbi Gelpi, Angela Madia, Karen Wolfe, Jane Lynch, Judith Woods, Cindy Simmons, Sharon Meadows, Gwendolyn Stover

Key Points Discussed	Key Decisions Made
Welcome Introductions	
Minutes from June 15, 2004 meeting	Minutes accepted as submitted.
<p>Topic: Playground Compared Child Care Licensing with Head Start Performance Standards and School Regulations, all regulations state they will apply with the Consumer Product Safety Commission recommendations. Licensing requires fence, smaller play equipment. Head Start Performance Standards requires smaller play equipment.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Start and Child Care must meet the requirement now, in all classrooms. • Cost of the equipment is an issue. • Where there is not a natural barrier a fence will be required. • Option of adding until fully implemented to the recommendation. This could be a compromise. • Allow existing public school programs until 2007, new collaborative classrooms must meet the playground requirements now. • Outdoor is a continuation of the learning environment. 	<p>Recommendation from Workgroup: Workgroup recommends giving classrooms until the 2012-2013 dead-line to come into compliance with the regulations/ recommendations.</p> <p>Mary Ann Osborne made a motion that we accept the recommendation from the workgroup. Frank Caputo seconded the motion. 14 voted for the motion. 14 voted against the motion.</p> <p>Sharon Meadows made the motion allow existing public school programs until 2007, new collaborative classrooms must meet the playground requirements now. Mary Chipps seconded the motion. 14 voted for the motion. 14 voted against the motion.</p> <p>Final Recommendation from Committee: Both the recommendations will be presented to the PIECES Advisory Council.</p>
<p>Topic: Personnel Personnel workgroup did not meet.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care Licensing requires a staff 	<p>Workgroup will meet, and their recommendation will be emailed to the committee and taken to PIECES Advisory Council.</p>

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<p>health assessment every two years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care Licensing requires a CIB Clearance check every five years, schools require only one initially. • Child Care Licensing requires a Child Maltreatment Check, schools do not require this at all. • HIPPA Regulations and school systems. • Legal battle with requiring Preschool teachers more than other teachers. 	<p>Workgroup will meet November 30, 2004, 9:30 am at the Harrison County Board of Education office.</p>
<p>Topic: Transportation Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Start bus drivers must meet the same as public school bus drivers. • Bus drivers trained in transporting preschool children can be CE training. Specific to preschool children. • Number 1 & 2 need to be combined into one recommendation. • Aides on buses. If they are needed on buses, or not. Why are they there? To watch the preschool children, or to protect form the older children. Ideally or reality..... • Child Care Licensing require Staff/Child ratio on buses. • Head Start would like one monitor plus on a bus with a bus driver. • 43 service personnel for every 1,000 students enrolled are paid for through the School Aid Formula. • Not transporting children, it is a voluntary program. • Head Start requirements are going to require the buses with seatbelts and monitors on buses by 2006. The regulation is in effect now, but some Head Starts have a wavier until 2006. • Bus monitors should have the supervision of all the children on the bus, just as the bus driver does. 	<p>Recommendation from Workgroup: Workgroup recommends</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Bus drivers are active in the safety training of those transporting preschool children in buses. 2) Bus drivers are trained in the supervision of young children 3) Children transported by a school bus who attend a Pre-k program or are not yet enrolled in Kindergarten will sit in a designated area of the vehicle. 4) Children are with staff/adult at the pick-up site and are received by a designated staff/adult at the drop-off site. 5) The training of drivers and the maintenance of vehicles is comparable to that required by Department of Education for public school buses when the vehicle being operated is a bus. 6) As school buses are replaced, they are replaced with buses designed to meet the recommendations of the National Highway Safety Traffic Administration 7) As the multi-passenger vehicles operated by child care centers are replaced, the centers consider replacing the vehicles with ones that are built to school bus standards or to standards for multi-function school activity buses.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move away from staff/child ratio to just one bus monitor. • Head Start can not pay for bus monitor, if the bus carries more than preschool children. The service personnel could file a grievance. • Striking #1 and leaving #2. • Reword #6 to eliminate #7. 	<p>8) Requirements effective August 1, 2006.</p> <p>#1 eliminate #2 replace training with staff development #6 replace school buses with transportation vehicles with a capacity greater than 11 #7 eliminate</p> <p>Angela Madia made the motion that the recommendation of the workgroup go to the PIECES Advisory Council. Kay Tilton seconded the motion. 11 voted for the recommendations 6 voted against the recommendations</p>
<p>Professional Development 18 hours of uncompensated professional development for high quality preschool.</p> <p>State laws requires certain hours of required training. This will have to be above the 18 hours.</p>	<p>Address at the TA Team meeting.</p>
<p>Dental Screening Cathy was to clarify this in the policy.</p>	<p>Address at the TA Team meeting.</p>
<p>Policy revision Policy 2525 states “by Sept. 1” State law states “prior to Sept. 1”</p> <p>Definition 3.7 can a 5 year old attend preschool”</p>	<p>Address at the TA Team meeting.</p>
<p>Design of the Report Dialogue among the groups. Descriptive paragraph of the issues.</p>	<p>Beth will send a draft of the report to the committee before the PIECES meeting.</p>
<p>Next Meeting January 27, 2004 January 31, 2004 (alternate date) 10:00 – 3:00 Flatwoods if possible</p>	