

Meeting Minutes
Standards and Regulations Sub-Committee
PIECES
January 7, 2003

Members present: Linda Whaley, Beth Hall, Jim Reddick, Mary Chipps, Jennifer Trippett, Ann Nutt (guest).

Meeting Summary

Discussion held on director qualifications in proposed day care center rule. It appears some wording got deleted and years experience changed in the draft which was filed. This results in director qualifications being less than the current rule, which was not the intention. The experience level no longer matches the Pathway. It may be difficult at this late date to get this altered; if not, one option would be to withdraw the rule.

Ann Nutt gave the committee an update on policy 2525 and technical assistance to counties. Some committee members expressed concerns that County Boards are counting Head Start providers as also representing child care providers and therefore child care not fairly represented. Ann stated that a revision to the policy will at least require that all child care providers are invited to the table. On 2/20/03 there will be a one day session on financial blending at Embassy Suites. On 2/26/03 a pre-conference training session on group process.

Our committee met jointly for a period of time with the Well Being committee. Time frames for immunizations and health screenings, HIPPA guidelines, immunization registry, and process for communicating recommendations were discussed.

Committee agreed that programs addressed for Goal 1 will be those programs serving 0-5 year olds that are currently regulated through a state/federal agency or participate in the WV Pre-K. Also, agreed to a 30 day time frame for health screening and immunizations, with health screening needing defined. There is a question on requirement for lead screening. MCH may have a bill requiring childhood lead poisoning screens.

Committee discussed recommendations for daily health observation, addressing illness in a child present in the program, daily sign-in/out of a child by a responsible adult, adult escort into and out of the program and a minimum of annual inspection by a regulatory/monitoring body.

Next meeting is February 10, 2003. Location to be determined.