

WSATC Child Care Task Force Sub-Committee
Report to WSATC April 2022 Quarterly meeting

The WSATC Child Care Sub-committee met January 19th, 2022, minutes are attached. During that meeting we shared the additional funding we received from commerce and solicited ideas for how to best spend the funds and in what priority. It was determined that a survey would be created and disseminated to the apprenticeship coordinators.

With the funding amount available it was determined from input of the subcommittee and survey results to have the following outcomes:

- One page informational paper sent out by mail to apprentices in the system with information on Carina (the child care matching program) and FAQ on child care challenges and myths.
- Virtual webinars on child care myths, including child care providers to hear and start considering solutions and training on Carina, these will be held in June 2022.

See below for the full minutes of the quarterly meeting.



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Wednesday, January 19, 2022

11:00am-12:30pm

Minutes

In Attendance: Erin Haick, SEIU 925; Danny Marshall, SBCTC; Clay Tschillard, PSEJATC; Cate Bridenstine, The Imagine Institute; Melanie Foister, Lakeside Industries; Brad Chitty, Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 598 JATC; Shana Peschek, Machinists Institute; Kairie Pierce, WSLC; Sue Bradshaw, Machinists Institute; Andrea Ornelas, Laborers Local 242; Jeremy Clevenger, NWLETT; Erin Haick, SEIU 925; Angela Anderson, Bricklayers; Trevor Smith, Laborers 292; Rachel Geyer, Roofers; Danny Marshall, SBCTC; Carla Idohl-Corwin, WSAC; Luis Licea, NWLETT; Sandra Husband, L&I; Mallorie Davies, NW Laborers; Kasi Perreira, WSLC; Kenna May, Spokane College; Genevieve Howard, SBCTC

Welcome and Introductions – Kairie Pierce

Childcare Task Force Funding Update – Shana Peschek

Heard from the Dept of Commerce that we did get additional funding. Much less now, possible more but for right now we have approximately \$45,000 and must be spent by June 30, 2022. We had some ideas but also want to open it up for other suggestions:

- Template for language for collective bargaining agreements when those contracts come up
- Working to find solutions on some of the issues that were identified in the survey that was done
- Workshops for parents and childcare providers on how to talk to childcare providers and other issues
- Written material related to childcare myths and CARINA

The ask was for these suggestions to be put into writing and sent out in an email for other ideas and/or a vote on those options. Shana will do this email.

Updates on Legislative Matters – Erin Haick

- Allowing childcare providers to talk about retirement bargaining when negotiating contracts. Had a good hearing and have not heard any issues on it.
- Will have budget asks to improve subsidy providers.

Will email more things that are coming up and how these two items proceed during session.

SubCommittee – Kairie

- Kairie taking the lead on the subcommittee and will be reaching out to those folks identified earlier.
- Any other subcommittees that might be created i.e. CBA's; please pass on any thoughts onto Kairie

Meeting adjourned 11:25 AM.