



Citywide Parent Policy Committee (CPPC)

Hybrid Full Council Meeting - Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Meeting Location: King Center 4314 South Cottage Grove

Microsoft Teams Link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YzlmY2ZiY2MtNjFkZC00N2E4LWJiZDQ0YzA1YzgwYThlNjEw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%227036cda9-062d-4151-8144-97ddc56e7027%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22c8afbe73-338f-42b8-8a69-aada3a64fd16%22%7d

10:30 am-12:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order – Jasmine Jordan calls the meeting to order at 10:38 A.M
- Roll Call/Establish Quorum –Quorum established.

DFSS staff

[x] Mara Martinez
[x] Craig Zemke
[x] Martuice Brooks
[x] Sharron Davis
[x] Raven Jackson
[x] Soung San
[x] Jocelyn Buchanan
[x] Delilah Bedolla
[x] Charles Hall
[x] Tasia Evans
[x] Linda Williams
[x] Eleni Tianis
[x] Sharay Johnson
[x] Angel Dotson
[x] Camille Franklin

Delegates/Guests

[x] Jeremy Glover – YMCA – (Alt.P)	[x] Christopher Paragallo (Adm)
[x] Christiana Alonso – Chri House (Alt.P)	[x] Levory Wilder – CYC (Adm)
[x] Jasmine Jordan – Trinity Childcare (P)	[x] Gissel Mojica – Kimbal (Adm)
[x] Clarice Goodman – CYC (P)	[x] Ajoke Adesola
[x] Angelique Sutton – Serendipity (P)	[x] Angie Fells – Ada S (Adm)
[x] Basirat Adeyemi – Christopher H (P)	[x] Dorothy Cole-Gary - YMCA (Adm)
[x] Russell Garcia – Mary Crane (Alt.P)	
[x] Taccarra Turner- YMCA (P)	
[x] Emily Munoz - Montessori (P)	
[x] Erica Miles - CYC – (P)	
[x] Tiara Sledge-Gibson – Family Focus (P)	
[x] Feera Robinson – ADS (P)	

- Action items -
 - o Approval of **October 28, 2025** - Full Council Meeting Minutes – Motion 1st Emily Munoz; Motion 2nd Jeremy Glover
- DFSS Executive Updates – Sharay Jonhson, on behalf of Cerathel Burnett, expresses her thanks to all the parents for their hard work. Government is now open to business. Grant applications are under review. Eligibility criteria: 101% - 130% FPL for family. Three links for “Know Your Rights.”
- CPPC Updates – Ms. Jordan is in her 2nd year. Does anyone volunteer for the council? Any nominations?
 - Elections for 25-26: 1. Chairperson – Jasmine Jordan nominated herself for the Chairperson position; no one opposed. Vice Chairperson – Jeremy Glover nominated himself for this position; no one opposed. Secretary – Emily Munoz

nominated herself for this role; no one opposed. Assistant Treasurer – Basirat Adeyemi nominated herself for this position; no one opposed. Tiara Sledge-Gibson nominated herself for the Treasury position; no one opposed.

- The following vacant positions will be available for the next Full council meeting: Assistant Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Community Representative.

- Program Reports – Craig Zemke starts the program report in October 2025. These are the reports on: meal count, attendance reports, and enrollment reports.

- Enrollment/attendance for October. This is our October enrollment report:

Head Start – 1383	EHS – 1114	EHSCCP – 685
EHS Expansion – 172	PFA – 3806	Preventive Initiative – 3591

- Attendance Report – October 2025

HS – 83.81%	EHS – 80.17%
EHSCCP – 83.96%	EHS Expansion – 71.78%

- Meals Report – October 2025 report:

	Head Start	EHS	EHS-CCP	EHS-Expansion
Breakfast	16354	12383	8758	1652
Lunch	17107	12812	9101	1678
Snacks	15651	11879	8700	1581

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Sharron Davis – summarizes financial expenditure for the October report. Delegate agencies are to submit their invoices monthly and to review the workflow notification for any of the submissions. We want to expend all federal \$.

	HS	EHS	EHSCCP	EHSexpansion	ECBG	Childcare
Expenditure	16325667	21978992	10224153	2866194	844452	69327376
Balance	9081490	11642001	8988371	1355629	84036521	9971548
% Utilization	64.26%	65.37%	53.35%	67.89%	16.90%	7.81%

Craig Zemke gives an overview of the Content Area Reports.

- a. *ERSEA* – continues to receive applications from families who interests to enroll their children (0-5) in CBO. CEL application for the 25-26 school year launched on April 8, 2025. A hotline: 312-229-1690 is established for parents who need assistance. The average enrollment in October is 83%. Children can start their application today for the Fall. The One-System Initiative is underway, and we have 23 family shelters facilitated by DFSS. Collaborative efforts between CSD and Homeless Division have created additional recruitment opportunities for children (0-5 y/o) within the homeless shelter sites. All CBOs are encouraged to continue their recruitment efforts with current residents who live in Chicago. (b) *Health/Nutrition/Mental Health/Disabilities* – Ongoing meetings w/ CPS and HS Start Early’s RFP will be soliciting a training entity to offer disability related training to early learning agency staff ... awarding in November 2025. HS and CPS held a meeting to discuss dual enrollment concerns specific to transporting children with IEPs. CSD selected ACCESS Community Health Network to serve as subject matter experts. For Claridigm (Health/Safety Module Status) for 2025, the total number of users is 2,730. 1,893 users have completed the module (3 CWPPC). 1,936 users have completed 50% of the module. 5 users completed the Spanish version of the module. All users can register at <https://www.earlychilddedu.info/> or <https://zfrmz.com/f6CK73IIHWGYxKIIhtf>. DFSS requires all funded staff attend the Health/Safety Module to obtain a certificate. (c)

Education/Training – Teaching Strategies: 10/01 – 29 (socio-emotional Dev. And learning...), Teachstone: 10/02-31 (I/T cognitive support transfer to practice), Erikson: 10/08-29 (EI and DFSS Referral Process), CPS/Disabilities: 10/9 - (CEL CPS Referral process for special ED process), National Louis University: 10/14-16 (From Good to Great...) UIC: 10/21/29 (Case notes Webinar Part 1), Start Early: 10/22 (DFSS home visiting leadership community practice). (d) *Parent Family and Community Engagement (PFCE)* – UIC provides training to support family service workers in connecting families with community resources. Other services include FAST literacy. DFSS staff continue attending Parent Policy meetings at agencies to provide an overview of the history of HS and emphasize the importance of parental attendance. Parent interviews – want to hear from parents of CPPC meetings about their experiences while participating in the Parent Policy Council on behalf of the agencies. Scholarships – can apply for the workforce scholarships program via the CEL website. (e). *Fiscal* – the practice sessions convene every 3rd Friday of the month (1 PM), talking about best practices, approaches, and challenges for the programs. A drop-in session provides peer networking opportunities. DFSS is engaging with delegates who need assistance. (f) *CPPC updates* – LOC are due on October 15th. Elections of CPPC parents will be on November 25th in person at the King Center. Elected CPPC members must be parents of current enrolled children. Three vacant positions are open (Secretary, Asst. Secretary, and Asst. Treasury. After the release of RFP and CELS 3.0, training courses will be offered. Parent Interview is ongoing.

b. Schedule of the CPPC meeting Calendar:

Executive Council Meeting		Full Council Meeting	
Date	Time	Date	Time
August 5 th	11-12	August 26 th	10:30 - 12:30
September 2 nd	11-12	September 23 rd	10:30 – 12:30
October 7 th	11-12	October 28 th	10:30 - 12:30
November 4 th	11-12	November 25 th	10:30 – 12:30

- c. Deputy Commissioner’s Corner – Sharay Johnson summarizes the updates. All three grant applications are still in review. The allowable criteria for HS/EHS – 101% - 130% of the poverty level. All children could enroll in programs based on the new criteria. Last, “Know your Rights” to protect themselves and their families. Early learning programs are safe spaces for children.

- (1) www.illinoisimmigrationinfo.org/orgs-employers
- (2) www.trpimmigrantjustice.org/kyr
- (3) www.icirr.org/

- d. Teaching Strategies Fall Goal Assessment Report Summary – Fall is where children are introduced to new learning experiences and opportunities targeted toward their age group/class. Finding children’s educational level is below the widely held expectations is expected. Children (2-3yrs) in all areas of development are slightly low. DFSS-managed CEL programs (0-2) and pre-K classes are high in comparison to *GOAL* norms.

- Open Discussion – DFSS thanks the parents of the previous committees. Only one parent shows up at the in-person meeting to receive the plaque. The rest will be mailed out.
- Adjournment – Jasmine Jordan adjourned the meeting at 11:22 A.M