Cora Lee-Vone Rogers called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Cora Lee-Vone Rogers requested a motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2017. Ms. Shea South made the motion to approve the minutes. Note: No comments or corrections were cited. The Council unanimously voted approval. The motion carried.

New Business

- Mr. Jim Craig, Director of Health Protection, began by introducing the new child care licensure staff, Christina Ryals, Child Care Complaint Investigator I, Joycelyn Woods, Child Care Facility Inspector I, Lisa Allen, Child Care Facility Inspector I, and Dr. Charles Allgood, Division Director II.

- Mr. Jim Craig announced the election of the officers of the Child Care Advisory Council. Mr. Craig stated that the council needed to elect a Chairperson, a Vice-chairperson (which is the chair-elect), and a Secretary. The Child Care Advisory Council does not currently have a Vice-chairperson; therefore, the individual selected as Chairperson will serve for the fiscal year 2018. The individual elected as Vice-chairperson will serve as the Chairperson in the fiscal year 2019. At the end of the fiscal year 2018, at the May meeting, the council will elect a Vice-chairperson and a Secretary. The Vice-chairperson elected at this meeting will move up and assume the Chairperson office. The floor was opened for nominations.

  - Ms. Shea South nominated Mr. Larry Nobles as Chairperson. No additional nominations were presented. The nominations were closed. Ms. Cora Lee-Vone Rogers requested that Mr. Nobles be elected by acclamation. The Council unanimously approved Mr. Nobles’ election.
- Mr. Larry Nobles nominated Ms. Lorie Rolison as Vice-chairperson. No additional nominations were presented. The nominations were closed. Ms. Cora Lee-Vone Rogers requested that Ms. Rolison be elected by acclamation. The Council unanimously approved Ms. Rolison’s election.

- Ms. Lori Rolison nominated Ms. Tumutual Norton as Secretary. No additional nominations were presented. The nominations were closed. Ms. Cora Lee-Vone Rogers requested that Ms. Norton be elected by acclamation. The Council unanimously approved Ms. Norton’s election.

- Ms. Cora Rogers introduced the presentation of the restructuring of the child care licensing program by Mr. Jim Craig, Director of Office of Health Protection. This presentation also serves as a public meeting regarding the restructuring of the child care program.

- Mr. Jim Craig presented to the Child Care Advisory Council, MSDH staff, and public attendees the draft document for the *Child Care Licensing Project for Increasing Regulatory Compliance with Child Care Laws, Rules, Regulations, and Policies Designed to Keep Mississippi Children Safe in Their Child Care Environments*. The outline of the project, which has been designed to promote children’s safety, ensure compliance with child care laws and regulations, and provide a continuous quality improvement in support of the move to an increased number of inspections in the Child Care Licensing program. Mr. Jim Craig listed the project priorities as:
  
  a) Children’s safety  
  b) Customer Service/Professional and Competent Inspectors  
  c) Annual Licensing/Renewal Inspection with multiple observation visits  
  d) Progressive Enforcement  
  e) Separate Investigation Unit  
  f) Statewide Implementation

- Mr. Craig will travel statewide to meet with providers to present the statewide implementation plans. The tentative scheduled dates are as follow:
  
  a) 10:00 a.m. June 26, 2017- Hattiesburg, MS at the Jackie Dole Community Center  
  b) 10:00 a.m. July 14, 2017-Jackson, MS-MSDH Central Office(Osborne Building)  
  c) Date and time to be announced in the CC Blast-Tupelo, MS-Harrisburg Baptist Church

- Larry Nobles presented a question regarding the separation of the in the Child Care Licensing Inspectors and the Child Care Investigation Team. Mr. Jim Craig clarified that the licensing inspector and the complaint investigators will be separate units.

- Ms. Cora Rogers presented a question regarding the assignment of the newly hired complaint investigators. Mr. Craig clarified that it will take about three to six months to complete the required training for each investigator.

- Mr. Jim Craig informed the Child Care Advisory Council of the motion passed by the State Board of Health at its last meeting. The motion requires the Child Care Advisory Council and MSDH Child Care Licensure Division to review the current State Early Childhood Advisory Council (SECAC) Plan against our regulations to see if there are any opportunities to support the State Early Childhood Advisory Council (SECAC) Plan in our regulations. Mr. Craig, Mr. Simkins, and Dr. Allgood will work together and make recommendations at the next Child Care Advisory Council meeting.
Old Business

• Mr. Jim Craig provided an update to the proposed amendment to the child care regulations regarding increased physical activity required for toddlers. At the last Child Care Advisory Council meeting, representatives from the American Heart Association proposed changing the Child Care Regulations for vigorous physical activity duration for toddlers from thirty to sixty minutes. Child Care Advisory Council passed the motion. The motion has been placed in the regulatory language by adjusting Rule 1.9.7, to state that, “Toddlers will engage a minimum of 60 minutes of structured moderate to vigorous physical activity per day.” Those will be filed with the Secretary of State on May 15, 2017. There will oral proceedings held at the Central Office on June 12, 2017, at 10:15 a.m. on the regulation change. If any other comments are received, the State Board of Health will be advised at the time. That is the only regulation change that is going forth for the next State Board of Health meeting.

• Mr. Jim Craig addressed the appointment and re-appointment of Child Care Council members. Mr. Craig stated that Ms. Rebecca McKeehan is scheduled to be re-appointed by the State Board of Health on July 12, 2017. Dr. Whitney Herring and Dr. Cathy Grace, whose terms will expire on June 30, 2017, are also eligible for re-appointment. Mr. Jim Craig stated that both Ms. Dean Bobo and Ms. Shea South have served two terms each and they are not eligible for re-appointment. Mr. Festus Simkins will advertise in the next Child Care Information Memorandum a request for nominations from interested parties to fill the vacancies. Mr. Jim Craig asked that current members continue to serve on the Council until a replacement has been named.

Public Comments

• Ms. Colleen Smith requested consideration to be a part of the committee appointed to review the current State Early Childhood Advisory Council (SECAC) Plan. In addition, Ms. Colleen Smith requested clarification regarding the participation of the Health Department and child care licensure regarding the Director Credential. Dr. Charles Allgood and Mr. Jim Craig reaffirmed the agency’s commitment to supporting the recommendations such as recognition of earned contact hours for individuals who currently hold the credential and the online accreditation program offered to providers affected by the dissolution of the Early Years Network.

Other Business

• The next Child Care Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

[Signatures]

Council Chairperson

MSDH Representative

Date, Aug. 18, 2017