



CCEDC Child Care Task Force

MEETING NOTES

February 19, 2010, 2 p.m.

Attendance: Vermona Peterson, Melody Warren, Dane Joslyn, Toni Brown, Brandi Beecher

Vermona opened the meeting and said she hoped to establish a goal by end of meeting.

Vermona reported that the new daycare in Sheridan charges \$36.75 for 0 – 36 months for a 9 hour day. They also charge \$100 deposit and \$40 registration fee and do not operate 24 hours.

In Gillette, Vermona reported that one of her son's is paying \$130 per week for 11 month old and the other pays \$4.75/hr for 5 year old.

Melody reported that Child Care Finders are receiving the most calls for extended hours of 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. The hotline has received hardly any calls for overnight care. She also said that some mine workers wives do child care during their husband's shift.

Melody gave example of issues with County Regulations and licensing. One provider's license expired 1/4/10 and county did not give finally zoning approval until 1/25/10. The problem seems to be sending letters notifying neighbors of the daycare location and giving them 10 days for file a complaint.

Group discussed others that should be part of the task force. Gillette Moms, MOPS, Father Factor, Home school families, PEP, etc.

PEP (Providers Empowering Providers) will host a meeting on March 13th at 9 a.m. at the Pioneer Room of the Library.

Group discussed goal of the task force and agreed on the following:

GOAL: Ensure sufficient, quality childcare exists for Campbell County.

Group discussed objectives for the goal and agreed we need to review at the next meeting.

Objectives:

- Develop a list of resources available
- Research Employer's Resources & Strategies for daycare
- No sick child care available.
- Lacking infant care in Campbell County. Need more birth to 3 years providers.
- Difficulty with zoning changes in Campbell County to be able to open licensed day care facilities.
- Assume several child care providers are unlicensed, based on comparing current licensed facilities with the birth rates in Campbell County.

The objectives need to be rephrased, however group felt like had a good start on the process.

Next meeting will be February 26, 2010 at 2 p.m. at Department of Family Services, Energy Court Building.