

The State Advisory Committee on the
Regulation of Child Care Facilities Minutes
Wednesday, March 12, 2025
10:00 am to 1:00 pm
In-person as well as Virtual Meeting
DSS State Office Conference Room 307
1535 Confederate Avenue Columbia, SC 29201

Members Present:

In person:

Lisa Corning – Acting chair
Lisa Flood

Virtual:

Althea Benson
Tammy Compton
Bonnye Hughes Peebles
Chasity Lesley
BJ Norris Long
Jessica Sharp

Phone:

Felicia O’Neal

QUORUM reached with 9 members

Members Absent:

Edward Brashier, Rachel Ellis, Caroline Mullins, Tami Nix, Brandy O’Neill,

Staff to Committee:

Cynthia Lara, Frankie Peterson, April McDaniel, Samuel Fredricks, Rebekah Louis

Guests:

Princess Hodges, Assistant General Counsel
Laura Drew, Assistant General Counsel
Tammy Penner, Family Child Care Quality Coach CCR&R
Melissa Starker, SC Endeavors Program Manager
Kena Hall, ABC Quality Program Manager
Tylisha Hickson, Central Child Care Licensing Program Coordinator
Kenneth Smith, Child Care Licensing Chief Fire Marshal
Monica Akers-Bellamy, Family Child Care Quality Coach
Allyson Boone, Central Child Care Licensing Program Coordinator
Nicole Shea, SC Endeavors Program Manager
Hannah Sane, SC Endeavors Program Coordinator
Teneshia Slempa, Family Quality Coach, Lowcountry
Jenn Adams, Child Care Licensing
Laura Davis, Child Care Licensing
Karen Davis

Tammy Compton, Chair, asked Lisa Corning, Vice Chair, to officiate today’s meeting since Lisa Corning was attending in person. The meeting was called to order at 10:20 am. Lisa Corning called the roll, welcoming all committee members and guests. The roll was taken with 9 members present.

Lisa Corning asked if there was a recommendation to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2025 meeting. It was moved by Jessica Sharp, seconded by BJ Norris Long. All in favor, none opposed; so moved.

Lisa Corning asked if there was a motion to accept the agenda for the March 12, 2025, meeting. A motion was made by BJ Norris Long and seconded by Althea Benson. All in favor, none opposed; so, moved.

Old Business:

Laura Drew gave an update on the possibility for sub-committee hearing on March 25, 2025.

Pending Business:

114-513. Management, Administration, and Staffing.

K. Staffing

(2) Background criminal history checks.

Only change to K(2) is to add 'SC Code of Laws' in front of any section law codes in B and C(viii and ix).

Motion to accept changes for K(2) made by BJ Norris Long, seconded by Lisa Flood. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

K. Staffing

(3) Operator and primary caregiver.

(c)(iv) A diploma or certificate in child development/early childhood education from a state-approved institution or a child development associate (CDA) credential, and one year work experience in a licensed, approved or registered child care facility; or work experience in a licensed, approved or registered child care facility;

(5) Professional development.

(a) The operator shall provide orientation for all new staff, volunteer(s), and emergency person(s) prior to their employment and volunteering. This orientation shall include the following:

(i) Specific job duties and responsibilities, to include requirements set forth in SC Code of Laws 63-7-310;

(b) The operator shall participate in at least fifteen (15) clock hours of training annually. At least five clock hours shall be related to program administration and at least five clock hours shall be in child growth and development and/or health and safety including first aid and CPR training. Infant/first aid and CPR training provided by a Department recognized health organization shall count for three hours of training in the topic area of health and safety each year that the training is completed. The remaining hours shall come from the following areas: Curriculum, Nutrition, Special Needs, Child Guidance, Professional Development, or other areas approved by the Department. Annual trainings must include Mandated Reporter and Blood-Borne Pathogens Training as required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Operators who receive training in excess of fifteen (15) hours per year may carry over eight (8) hours to the following year in the category earned. For operators serving infants (twelve 12) months and younger, one hour of safe sleep training is required annually.

(c) All staff, including emergency person(s) and volunteer(s), providing direct care to the children shall participate in at least ten (10) clock hours of training annually. The hours shall come from at least three of the following areas: Child Growth and Development, Curriculum, Child Guidance, Health and Safety, Nutrition, Special Needs, Professional Development, Program Administration, or other areas approved by the Department. Annual training must include Mandated Reporter and Blood-Borne Pathogens Training as required by OSHA. For caregivers serving

infants twelve (12) months and younger, one hour of safe sleep training is required annually. Infant/child first aid and CPR training provided by a Department recognized health organization shall count for three (3) hours of training in the topic area of Health and Safety each year that the training is completed.

(h) At least one person with a current certificate for the provision of basic first aid and child infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall be present in the group child care home at all times when children are in care, and during group outings or field trips. Certified training for basic first aid and child-infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation must include a hands-on skills component in order to meet the requirements as described in statutes and regulations for child care licensing. If the training includes on-line video instruction, there must be a certified instructor present in the room to demonstrate and observe proper techniques as performed by the students. No CPR/FA training may be approved that was obtained solely through online instruction. Proof of training must be in the form of an original certificate or card signed by the trainer. Training shall be provided by an individual who is certified as a trainer by a recognized health care organization. It is recommended that a CPR certified teacher is on premises during times children are eating.

Change emergency person definition.

Motion to approve 114-513 K(3) including the change to the definition of emergency person made by Chasity Lesley and seconded by Bonnye Hughes Peebles. All in favor, none opposed; so moved.

Break from 12:00 – 12:10

Roll was called; quorum of 8 (Lisa Flood left) remained so the meeting continued.

After some discussion the committee agreed to review 114-514. Supervision. During next meeting.

Motion made to adjourn by Althea Benson. BJ Norris Long seconded. All in favor, none opposed; so moved. The meeting adjourned at 12:33 pm.

Additional meetings for 2025:

- April 2, 2025 (10:00 am to 1:00 pm)
- May 7, 2025 (10:00 am to 1:00 pm)