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From: Patricia Smith
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2014 9:55 PM
To: Amy Tripp
Cc: Faye H. Rencher
Subject: Information Re: CCL Advisory Council

Hi Amy,

I hope this email is not post deadline, I know I am down to the wire!

Just one more comment on CCL;

In reflecting on CCL and my experience serving on our Austin (CCL) Child Care Advisory Council I have concerns about the lack of opportunity for stakeholder participation. A few providers were invited to participate. The meetings were basically CCL Supervisors informing providers of upcoming regulation changes. Providers could ask CCL Supervisors questions related to regulation. Providers in no way acted in an Advisory capacity or contributed to the agenda. CCL scheduled the quarterly council meetings at 3PM. Their office is very far north and the time was very inconvenient. CCL agreed to make the meetings earlier in the day but never scheduled them earlier. Not long after that request (about 6 months ago) CCL stopped scheduling the meetings altogether. I was copied on emails from providers asking what happened to the CCL Advisory Council Meetings but never saw a reply.

This is an example of how CCL conducts a Advisory Council that I presume was created to encourage better communication with providers, they disband it without notice. This is why CCL needs to be required that Minimum Standards are reviewed by a workgroup that includes providers. The relationship between CCL and provides is completely top down. I have little confidence that CCL will give credence to provider input by email, postage and fax only, which is the way CCL has decided the Minimum Standard Review will be conducted.

Thank you and Faye for your great work, it gives me hope for some much needed reason and accountability in how our State Agencies operate!

Sincerely,
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