

BPRO Child Care Interest Meeting

February 11, 2021 10:30 AM

The very first BPRO Child Care Committee meeting was called to order on Webex at 10:30 AM by Tonia Alexander, BPRO 3rd VP in charge of Membership. Participants were asked to put their name, email and Agency in the chat. We had 82 Local, Home Office and Regional DSS Staff in attendance for the meeting.

Welcome

We were welcomed by our BPRO State President Deana Bennet and then by Child Care's Associate Director Senior Denise Branscome.

History of BPRO

Tonia Alexander gave a brief history on BPRO and shared mybpro.org with those in attendance to be able to visit in order to get more information.

Child Care Updates

- Denise Branscome then shared Child Care updates with those in attendance.
 - Complete PowerPoint used in meeting to accompany minutes.
- Several questions from those in attendance were discussed
 - Ms. Branscome took back statement on Help Desk Customer Service- referencing complaints from clients and who to contact.
 - Clarification given on new eligibility category, separate from current categories.
 - Staff asked if there was anything in the works to move redeterminations out another 6 months or to the end of the fiscal year, like that which was done at the beginning of the pandemic, with a lot of parents still not back to work.
 - Ms. Branscome was taking this back to Home Office for further review.
 - Question also asked about expanding job search

Child Care Best Practices

In lieu of Best Practices for our interest meeting, we received greetings from Iteisha James Crenshaw, Program Consultant, Sr. from Home Office, our practice consultants Todd Viers - Piedmont, Pearl Davis - Eastern, Vanessa Di Leo - Central and Sarah Jones - Northern. They all shared their support of BPRO reaching out to Child Care Staff and look forward to working together in the future.

BPRO Committee Chair Needed

We are very excited about having Child Care join the Benefit Programs Division. However, it is very important that we have someone with a great child care background chair this committee to ensure we are able to meet the needs of our new members.

- The chair will interact with Home Office Staff, Practice Consultants and guest speakers to ensure that Child Care Staff are receiving relevant information that will be an addition to what is already being provided by our Child Care Program.
- The Child Care Committee Chair will have the support of the BPRO Executive Board, other BPRO Committee Chairs, Home Office Staff and Practice Consultants.
- Committee meetings occur quarterly and charges will be developed by the group to help plan the goals of the committee.
- Anyone interested in being our committee chair may followup with anyone on our Executive Board. Tina Caldwell-Eheart, our BPRO First Vice President is in charge of following up with our committee chairs eheart@charlottesville.gov

What's Next...

- BPRO Conference is coming up, we discussed dates in May (virtual) and a special day at the conference for BPRO Members only.
- Those in attendance were shown exactly where to go on mybpro.org to join the organization.
 - Anyone who has never been a member of BPRO may currently join for half price as a first time member for \$15.00
 - BPRO Membership application can be found on the BPRO website at www.mybpro.org under membership application new membership link.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting Concluded at 11:40 AM-