

Early Childhood Council Governance Waiver Request Application

Early Childhood Council Name: Gunnison Hinsdale Early Childhood Council	Date: 4.11.17
Primary Contact (Name and Position): Margaret Wacker, Council Coordinator	Phone: 970-641-7913
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1. **Citation of Rule or Regulation for Waiver Request pursuant to Early Childhood Council Rule 7.717.6(E):** *(please include rule/regulation number, and specific language of the rule/regulation creating the barrier):* 7.714.4 B States that “Each member of an Early Childhood Council shall sign a Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the organization he or she represents to participate in and collaborate on the work of the Early Childhood Council”.

2. **Associated Legislation:** *(Please list any statute or legislation associated with the rule/regulation cited above. Please note: state statutes cannot be waived.)* Section 26-6.5-104(2)(a), C.R.S

3. **Waiver Request** *(Describe the barrier this waiver addresses to implementation of an early childhood project is the rule/regulation creating)* Our council needs this waiver in order to respond to the recently released RFA from the Office of Early Childhood for Systems Building and Colorado Shines Quality Improvement. This funding source is our council’s main funding. This funding allows us to hold council meetings, create better systems for children, and perform quality improvement work with licensed childcare programs. The application is due May 1st, 2017.

4. **Reason for Request** *(Describe the barrier this waiver addresses, and why you are concerned and/or unable to comply with the minimum rule requirements)* Our council has Membership Agreements in place with the mandatory stakeholders, which outline the roles and responsibilities of being a member of the council. However we do not think these Membership Agreements would be considered a Memorandum of Understanding for organizations. We are currently creating a new Memorandum of Understanding to use in place of the Membership Agreement. This form needs to be approved by our fiscal sponsor before it can be signed by members. This approval process will not be completed by the due date of the funding application of May 1st.

5. **How will Waiver Approval positively impact children, families, and/or your community?** This waiver would allow our council to apply for this funding in order to

continue the work the council does supporting childcare programs in maintaining staff qualifications and improving the quality of services. The council work helps child care centers and home providers keep their doors open. Children and families benefit from having child care slots available and having quality childcare available.

6. **Please describe stakeholder outreach. Who are all the affected parties of this Waiver Request?** *(You may attach letters from affected parties)* We have provided information to the early childhood council members that a new MOU may be required in the new future. They have seen a draft version of the MOU. The affected parties are the ECC members and children and families.

7. **Do you have any evidence to demonstrate that compliance with the specific rule creates a substantial undue burden? (If so, please attach).** Gunnison County requires 2 weeks at a minimum to obtain a signature and approval of a new Memorandum of Understanding. It would take that long or longer to get all 7 mandatory stakeholders to sign a new form, especially if this new form needs to go through a similar approval process by other governmental organizations (like school districts).

8. **If this rule/regulation is waived, how will you meet its intended purpose?** *(ex: diversity of stakeholders, health and safety of children in care, etc.)* We will continue to use our Membership Agreements with the mandatory stakeholders until we have an approved Memorandum of Understanding. When we have an approved Memorandum of Understanding we will ask the council members to sign that on behalf of their organizations.

9. **On what date would you like the Waiver to START?**

April 24th, 2017 or as soon as possible

10. **On what date would you like the Waiver to END?**

October 31st, 2017

11. **Is there a fiscal impact to implementing this waiver?** *(Please describe any anticipated financial impact)*

Yes, if this waiver is implemented, our council is eligible for grant funding from the Office of Early Childhood. If the waiver is not implemented, we may not be eligible, if our Membership Agreement does not meet the requirement of a Memorandum of Understanding.

<p>12. How will you evaluate the effectiveness of this rule/regulation waiver if approved?</p> <p>If the waiver meets the requirements of the Office of Early Childhood for eligibility of applying for Systems Building and Colorado Shines Quality Improvement Funding, then it will be considered effective.</p>
<p>13. Additional Comments:</p>

SIGNED:

Margaret Wacker
ECC Coordinator Name

Margaret Wacker
ECC Coordinator Signature

Lana C. Athey
ECC Membership Chair Name

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ECC Membership Chair Signature

Early Childhood Council Governance Waiver Request
Colorado Department of Human Services Written Statement

Early Childhood Council Name: Gunnison Hinsdale Early Childhood Council	Waiver #: 17-01
CDHS Contact (Name and Position): Stacey Kennedy, Child Care Quality Initiatives Director	Phone: 3038665382
Email: Stacey.Kennedy@state.co.us	Date: 4/14/17

1. Confirm Citation of Rule or Regulation for Waiver Request (*please include rule/regulation number, and specific language of the rule/regulation creating the barrier*). Confirm if Rule/Regulation is waivable under Early Childhood Council Rule 7.717.6(E) :

Yes, on a time limited basis not to extend beyond March 30, 2018.

2. Implications of Waiver Approval on the health and safety of children (*Does approval of this waiver request have anticipated implications on implementation of other ECC projects?*):

Not applicable.

3. **Recommendation from CDHS** (*Select one option below and remove the other options. Please add comments to explain reason for recommendation*):

Recommendation to the ECLC to approve the waiver request.

4. **Additional Comments:**

SIGNED:

Stacey Kennedy

State Agency Representative Name

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State Agency Representative Signature



Early Childhood Council Governance Waiver Request **Recommendation from ECLC Waiver Review Subcommittee**

Early Childhood Council Name: Gunnison Hinsdale Early Childhood Council	Waiver #: 17-01
CDHS Involved: Stacey Kennedy	Date: 5/16/17
Recommendation to ECLC: Approve the waiver request.	

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2. **Summary of Rule/Regulation Waiver Request from ECC:**

The waiver was requested to allow time for Memorandum of Understandings to be put in place in lieu of the current Membership Agreements .

3. **Summary of Written Statement from Colorado Department of Human Services:**

CDHS recommended the ECLC approve the waiver, not to be extended beyond March 31, 2018.

4. **Recommendation from ECLC Waiver Review Subcommittee (WRS):**

The WRS recommended the waiver be approved though March 31, 2018

TO BE COMPLETED AT NEXT FULL ECLC MEETING

Date of ECLC Meeting:
ECLC Waiver Decision and Conditions: