

## GSC HCA Family Subcommittee meeting

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday Oct 16, 2013

1. Present: Courtney, Katie, Tiky, Anna, Marzyeh and Brittney
2. Went over the ideas for advocacy plans from the last meeting
  - a. Advertise the Family Subcommittee with posters and emails to raise awareness and recruit new members.

**Action Items:**

    - Brittney will create a poster.
    - Courtney will engage with Spouses&Partners and look into creating a social media group for off-campus families.
  - b. Website for all family related information which will be easy to access. Currently information is very much dispersed among different offices.

**Action Items:**

    - Anna will talk to Kathy Simons about Work-Life Center hosting a website for all family related information.
    - Marzyeh and Courtney will make a preliminary list of resources and information that should be hosted on the website.
  - c. Change the on-campus family housing policy to take into account families' needs for stability in terms of schools and childcare arrangements.

**Decided that this will not be a focus.**
  - d. Increase spousal access to on-campus facilities, and allowing MIT affiliated families access to Eastgate playground and creating an after-hours access to the playground at Stata (card access).

**Action Items:**

    - Marzyeh will email the card office and ask about what are all the things that spouses can do with their spouse ID cards (including using TechCash for purchases), and ask about who are the people to talk to if we want to make changes.
  - e. Providing childcare through MIT babysitters at the Z-center during certain days and hours of the week (e.g. 2 times per week at 8am-noon).

**Decided to table this for now.** Marianna Kirkbridge at MIT Medical will be the person to talk to if we want to work on this.
  - f. Creating fun, regular activities for MIT children, e.g. Simmons Hall play hours once a month, activities through the Lifelong Kindergarten group at Media Lab.

**Action Items:**

    - Brittney and Tiky will put together an informal focus group to brainstorm ideas.

3. Back-up child care program publicity plan.

**Was not discussed.**

4. Subcommittee leadership for 2013-2014

**Action Items:** Anna will talk with Courtney, Brittney and Sarah, who have expressed an interest in becoming a co-chair. Ideally we would want two new co-chairs to share leadership with Anna.

5. Next meeting: Wednesday, Nov 13 at 5:30pm- 7:00pm in Eastgate