



MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 13, 2020 1:30 – 4:00 PM
YWCA of Watsonville
340 East Beach St. Watsonville, CA

- CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS - (10 min.) 1:30 – 1:40
 - Sharon Rose was welcomed to the CAC. Members introduced themselves and shared one thing they do for themselves at the end of the day.

- APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - (10 min.) 1:40 – 1:50 **ACTION ITEM**
 - J. Weed Pomerantz moved to accept the consent agenda items and Y. Brooks second the motion, all members approved the motion.
 - DECEMBER MINUTES
 - COMMITTEE REPORT
 - STAFF REPORT

- PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS - (10 min.) 1:50 – 2:00
 - No public comments at this time.

- GUEST SPEAKERS: YVETTE BROOKS, VICE-MAYOR, CITY OF CAPITOLA AND MARTINE WATKINS, COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY OF SANTA CRUZ – NEW CHILD CARE ORDINANCES - (30 min.) 2:00 – 2:30
 - M. Watkins – shared the Santa Cruz City ordinances she advocated strongly for:
 - The Child Care Developer Fee Program and the Out of the Housing Committee.
 - The dedicated Children’s Fund is doing well, it’s funded by cannabis tax revenue.
 - The challenge has been how to allocate the funding. So far, about \$70,000 will fund children who don’t have access to parks and recreation programs, and the Thrive by Three Initiative, city residents and staff will have priority.
 - Y. Brooks – reported the City of Capitola is using the cannabis and transient tax to fund their cities dedicated Children’s Fund. It amounts to \$40,000 of the city’s budget.
 - The community priorities have not been set. They used dedicated children’s fund to map out an afterschool program at the elementary that was recently kicked off. The Council realized that families were unable to afford care, so they allocated a portion of the city’s children’s fund to help low income families have access to afterschool care.
 - In addition, the city is looking for ways to increase the number of Family Child Care programs by eliminating use permits. Optimal Solutions will help the city develop priorities based upon needs.



- Capitola Mall Redevelopment Project – City council members are considering adding a child care center and senior living spaces to the plan.
- L. Drury mentioned there has been a reduction of family child care across the state by 25-30%. Any discussion to increase family child care is a positive move.
- CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL MASTER PLAN DISCUSSION - (30 min.) 2:30 – 3:00
 - D. Munoz sent a draft of the 2018-2019 CAC accomplishments to members to review. Members reviewed the documents and there were no additions.
 - Collectively members discussed some of the items and were pleased by the amount of work the council had accomplished thus far.
- GUEST SPEAKER: LISA GUTIÉRREZ WANG, Ph.D., DIRECTOR, CHILDREN’S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION SANTA CRUZ COUNTY – CHILDREN’S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES (30 min.) 3:00 – 3:30
 - L. Gutierrez, new Director of Children’s Behavioral Health Division, shared some of her past experiences working with families who have children with behavioral challenges, past research studies, and connection to the community.
 - L. Gutierrez, presented an overview of the avenues children can be eligible to receive services and types of services the Behavioral Health Division offers to the community.
 - The Behavioral Health PowerPoint focused on the wide range of services and eligibility criteria and family support resources available to families.
 - The Behavioral Health Division is changing to meet the needs of the community. They are expanding their presence and have a new local offices to meet the high need. There will be more to come.
- LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - (15 min.) 3:30 – 3:45
 - L. Drury mentioned the Governor’s budget included the development of a new department, Health and Human Services where all early care and education programs would migrate to, except CA state preschool.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS - (10 min.) 3:45 – 3:55
 - No announcements at this time.
- ADJOURNMENT - 4:00

Our Mission is to present a unified voice for an early care and education system that meets the needs of all children and families in Santa Cruz County

Our Vision is that every child in Santa Cruz County has access to quality affordable early care education and after-school programs