



CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 8, 2022 1:30 – 4:00 pm

Members Present: K.Bobsin (Go Kids), V.Boriack (First 5 SCC), Y.Brooks (City of Capitola), M.Cortes (PVUSD), L.Gonzalez (Encompass), E.Guerrero (Encompass), J.Macecevic (Walnut Avenue WC), L.Mendoza (YWCA Watsonville), S.Moon(CDRC, COE), L.Orosco (PVUSD), T.Pastor (Cabrillo), M.Reilly (Low Income Investment Fund), M.Watkins (Santa Cruz City, SCCOE), N.Young (Optimal Solutions), J.Weed-Pomerantz (Positive Discipline Association)

Members Absent: I.Friberg, R.Navarro, S.Rose, N.Schermann, A.Swartz, T.Walker

Guests: K.Lathrop (COE Consultant), C.Sieburg (First 5), A.Aguado (Encompass), A.Renteria (PVUSD), E.Garcia (LOSD) and M.Castro (Migrant Head Start, COE)

Minutes taken by M.Tursic (CAC, COE)

- I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS -
 - D.Munoz welcomed all at 1:33pm

- II. AB 361 OVERVIEW BROWN ACT TELECONFERENCING/VIRTUAL MEETING REQUIREMENTS - READING AND APPROVAL OF AB 361 RESOLUTION- 1:34pm
 - D.Munoz requested a motion to approve the December meeting agenda. Approved by M.Watkins, Seconded by J.Weed-Pomerantz.

- III. CONSENT TO AGENDA ITEMS - 1:35pm

D.Munoz requested a motion to approve all agenda items. Approved by K.Bobsin, Seconded by V.Boriack.

 - SEPTEMBER MINUTES: All in favor
 - COMMITTEE REPORTS: All in favor
 - STAFF REPORT: All in favor

- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS - 1:38pm
 - J.Weed-Pomerantz will be resigning from her position with the Childhood Advisory Council due to health. Members expressed gratitude for her service with the council.
 - Welcome to M.Reilly (Low Investment Income Fund) as a new council member.

- V. BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE: WHAT'S IN OUR SOIL? -1:40pm
GUEST SPEAKERS: NICOLE YOUNG, OPTIMAL SOLUTIONS CONSULTING AND ERENDIRA GUERRERO, CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT, ENCOMPASS

- N.Young Introduced the Pair of ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences & Adverse Community Environments) and the background of ACES.
- N.Young shared agenda of ACES training:
 1. How the Pair of ACES affects us all.
 2. How we can work together to build community resilience so that all children and families thrive.
 3. Tips and resources to build resilience starting with self.
 4. Group agreements introduced, respecting privacy of all participants.
- N.Young took a quick reaction survey of council participants regarding who are in different roles in child care. Council shared reactions.
- E.Guerrero introduced a grounding exercise, reflecting on current challenges. The group shared thoughts in the chat.
- N.Young went through an overview of the ACES with the tree and roots model.
- E.Guerrero introduced a group exercise, each creating a tree that reflects what we see within our community, the gaps in resources and societal beliefs. Group broke into breakout rooms for 10 minutes to discuss. Larger group reconvened. K.Lathrop, A.Renteria, M.Castro and P.Pastor shared what they discussed in their breakout groups.
- E.Guerrero led the group through a visualization exercise. The group shared thoughts in the chat. D.Munoz, K.Bobsin and J.Macecevic shared further thoughts.
- N.Young introduced slides and discussion of stress, well-being and health.
- E.Guerrero led the group through another exercise. The group went into breakout rooms again to discuss. Larger group returned after 15 minutes. M.Reilly, V.Boriack, K.Bobsin and J.Macecevic shared their small group findings.
- N.Young shared the wheel of Stress Busters slide.
- Final thoughts: E.Guerrero, N.Young and D.Munoz

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS - 3:36pm

- D.Munoz discussed the possible allocation of Universal Pre-K funds. A “Letter of Intent” has been submitted. It will be a mixed delivery child care system, including family child care providers and families with children involved in TK, soon to be called Pre-K. The allocation will be three years, with the report due by June 13, 2023. D.Munoz lists needed requirements
- CDRC, First 5 and the LPC have collectively reached out to ASR to get help developing a workforce plan. The Workforce Development Board of Santa Cruz County, as well as other partners will help financially with the report.

VII. ADJOURNMENT -

- D.Munoz called the meeting at 3:50pm



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