



**MEETING MINUTES (Draft)**  
**Thursday, February 14, 2019 2:00 – 4:00 PM**  
**Santa Cruz County Parks/Simpkins Swim Ctr. 979 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. Santa Cruz**

**Members Present:** Yvette Brooks, SELPA-MIS; Lupe Cortes, PVUSD/MHS; Larry Drury, Go Kids Inc.; Irene Freiberg, First 5 Santa Cruz County; Lorena Gonzalez, Encompass Head Start; Erendira Guererro, Encompass Head Start; Karen Hamman, PVUSD; Patrice Keet, Museum Of Discovery; Elizabeth Root, Early Education Services, UCSC; Wilma Gold, Pacific Oaks College;; Trevor Walker, Campbell Union School District; Martine Watkins, SCCOE; and Nicole Young, Optimal Solutions

**Absent Members:** Sara Balla, Discovery Preschool; Vicki Boriack, First 5 Santa Cruz County; Barbara Griffin, Campus Kids Connection; Elaine Henning, Voucher Project; Leticia Mendoza, YWCA of Watsonville Sita Moon, CDRC; Rosario Navarro, SCCOE/MHS; Hendrika Sheldon, Happy Acers Family Child Care; Jane Weed-Pomerantz, Positive Discipline; Tricia Pastor Cross, Cabrillo College;

**Guests:** David Brody, First 5 Santa Cruz County; Andy Stone, Workforce Development Board, and Steve Weiss, Positive Discipline Community Resources.

- I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS - (10 min.) 2:15
- II. AGENDA REVIEW AND QUORUM CHECK - (5 min.) 2:10 – 2:15
- III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - (5 min.) 2:15 – 2:20 – ACTION ITEM
  - DECEMBER MINUTES
  - COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - STAFF REPORT
  - CHILD CARE EXPANSION PRIORITIES REPORT
    - The Priority Report will be kept the same as there were not many changes. We will revisit at a later time and make revisions.
  - A motion to accept the consent agenda was made by W. Gold, seconded by P. Keet. No abstentions. Consent agenda approved.
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS - (10 min.) 2:20 – 2:30
  - Assistant Director Stephanie Barron Lu at Positive Discipline will be replacing Nga Trinh-Halperin, as Executive Director. Class flyers for future trainings were distributed to everyone.



- Special Needs Conference “All Means All “will take place on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at Cabrillo College in conjunction with other partners.
- A housing project is being built in Scotts Valley and there are plans for including a child care center. Jane Barr, Eden Housing is presently looking for an agency to develop and run the center. Jane will be invited to a future CAC meeting to provide us with more information.

V. CAC MEMBER PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS - (30 min.) 2:30 – 3:15

- ELIZABETH ROOT, DIRECTOR, EARLY EDUCATION SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ
  - E. Root shared Early Education Services’ mission statement: to primarily serve student parents
  - The program serves infants through school age and is licensed for 70 children and uses a nature-based curriculum. There are 18 full time staff and 30-40 part-time staff (students and interns).
  - There is a May, 2020 closure planned. A future program will move into a new location which will serve 140 children, infants through school age. Bright Horizons will manage the new program.
  - The Meadow is currently being planned as the new location although there is campus opposition to building on that site
  - E. Root shared the Design & Operations presentation with everyone.
- LARRY DRURY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GO KIDS INC.
  - Go Kids celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October of this year.
  - Currently, Go Kids has one agency with 150 staff and 8 centers and serves approximately 2000 children, almost all subsidized families.
  - It has conducted a FNN project in Salinas for the last 7 years.
  - The agency was assessed in 89/99 to decide on future plans.
  - Go Kids presently serves Monterey, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties. As part of assessment results, administrative offices were moved to Gilroy to better serve the demographics they are presently working with.
  - It developed a social enterprise project with a focus on providing accounting services for other non-profits.



VI. GUEST SPEAKER: ANDY STONE, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD DIRECTOR  
CHILD CARE CAREER LADDER - (30 min.) 3:15 – 3:45

- Workforce Development Board is part of the county Human Services Department.
- It consists of a group of 25 Board members that come from public, private, education, and labor to talk about how to move people into career opportunities to inspire to achieve advancement in their careers.
- Oversees \$10 million in federal funds. It runs youth and adult programs. The agency works with people who have been laid off from their jobs.
- It is presently going out for bid to build a career pathway for child care workers. It is looking at how to increase the number of child care workers by finding a pathway to move from childcare worker jobs to full time jobs with sustainable wages.
- Just finished procurement and identified an agency that works on a project similar to this in Chicago.
- It will work with Cabrillo to develop a re-training program to identify opportunities and barriers.
- It will launch next month and wrap up by June, 2019. Informational webinars will be held for interested stakeholders.
- A. Stone said that there is a national policy organization that looks at workforce issues and is interested in being part of the discussion to inform national and state policy.
- Workforce Development Board is part of the Thrive by 3 system, is trying to solve the problem of capacity, facilities, and wages.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS - (15 min.) 3:45 – 4:00

- P. Keet announced that the Children’s Museum held a successful community day with over 400 people attending. Another is planned for March 16<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the COE.
- P. Keet announced that they are presently looking for organizations to sponsor free museum days.

VIII. 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