



Subsidized Programs Consortium Minutes

Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 9:00-11:00 am

Encompass Community Services, 380 Encinal St. Suite 200, Santa Cruz, CA

Consortium Chairs: Karen Hamman (PVUSD) and Lisa Hindman Holbert (Community Bridges)

Members: Emily Balli, (Human Services Department), Maria Castro (SCCOE/MHS), Tricia Pastor Cross (Cabrillo College), Larry Drury (Go Kids Inc.), Lorena Gonzalez (Encompass, Head Start), Eric Gross (Pacific State Preschool), Elaine Henning (Voucher Project), Jessica Kranz (Go Kids Inc.), Kathy Lathrop (Cal SAFE and PVUSD), Cathy Lusk (Walnut Ave. Family & Women’s Center), Leticia Mendoza (YWCA), Sita Moon (Child Development Resource Center), Meghan Reilly, (Encompass CS), Elizabeth Root (UCSC), Blanca Sanchez (Watsonville Community School), Melanie Sluggett, (Live Oak School District) and Jerri Winner, (Encompass, Head Start)

Facilitator: Diane Munoz (Childhood Advisory Council Coordinator)

Time	:	Presenter
9:00	I. Welcome and Introductions: Additions to agenda.	Lisa/Karen
9:10	II. Guest Speakers: Peggy O’Brien Strain and Aloka Narayanan, Mission Analytics Group: Santa Cruz County Individualized Child Care Subsidy Pilot Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Timeline was shared on the approval timeline. ● Plan needs to be submitted to the state by May 1st If programs want to begin July 1 implementation. ● Plan components review: from the beginning there was an emphasis on eligibility policies because of the lack of increases throughout the years. ● Augmentation to rate reimbursements was reviewed. <p>☐ <i>All members agreed to focus the pilot plan on eligibility policy changes this year.</i></p> <p>Pilot Plan Component Review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Component # 1: Increase the income threshold for initial eligibility for subsidized care. Current income estimates are below the census threshold <p>All members agree with this component.</p>	Peggy O’Brien Strain & Aloka Narayanan

- **Component # 2:** Authorize 24 month eligibility except for training or seeking employment.
All members agree with this component.

Discussion:

- *Elaine – if parents are not reporting changes, we’re locking up scarce slots. It takes a long time to hear from parents who have stopped needing care. So they’re receiving care, while other families are waiting for care.*
- There are three contract types: CSPP, CCTR and Vouchers
- **Voucher** - is a needs based care not 24 months.
- **CCTR** – mostly agree to 24 months, but Kathy thinks...
- *Jessica – it shouldn’t matter you can track the participation through the attendance sheets. It’s all about serving families.*
- *Karen it’s about the families that really need full time full day care. --- need data and anecdotal information.*

Need numbers of those enrolled based upon training, school, or need. Peggy requested numbers and testimonials to support 24 month eligibility for the pilot plan.

Members reached consensus agreement on new wording that will be reflective in the revised plan.

- **CSPP contract** – all agree on 24 mos. eligibility
Infant toddler would be 12 mos. unless there were risk factors, CPS, foster care, special needs etc.

Lisa; unintended consequences:

In Solano 12 mos. or until the end of the fiscal year to allow for add on after it. Would get more scrutiny from CDE.

- **Component # 3:** Restore age eligibility for CSPP contracts to 2.9 yrs. as of Sept. 1 enroll children at their 3rd birthday if born after Dec. 1.
This is a new component from Monterey County’s Pilot Plan. This will allow programs to fill their program slots.
All members agreed with this component.
- **Component # 4:** Authorize an exception to the requirement that 50% of the children enrolled at a CSPP programs site be four year old children.
All members agreed with this component.

- **Component # 5:** Authorize families for 6.5 hours of services if their only need is seeking housing or seeking employment.

All members agreed with this component.

Components Not accepted by California Department of Ed.:

- Adjustment factors not allowed in Santa Clara
- Sibling Preference not accepted
- Two year contracts – not allowed by CDE

Applying eligibility criteria for Voucher Project Programs:

- Stage 1 criteria is stage 1 it's a moot point
- Their enrollment
- Pilot Reimbursement Rate is not criteria in the pilot to increase stages rates.

Reimbursement Rates:

Redistribution Unearned Funding Process Overview

- LPC would recommend amounts by contract for
- Maximum reimbursable amount (MRA) Child daily rates
- There is not new funding.
- The county can collect the unearned funds and send them out in revised contracts.
- The funding cannot shift between funding types.
- Cannot shift between part day and full day CSPP can only stay within its original contract type and day.
- This is based on a volunteer funding model
- Will ask all under armoring contractors who are not consistently earning their contracts. Total the unearned funding. See the funding reimbursement model in the PPT.
- If you had full day CSPP and you had only part day – there would be no change in the daily reimbursement – ask Peggy to explain this.
- If Santa Cruz decides to include policy changes to the reimbursement rates, Mission Analytics will work with every contractor and develop the formula.

☐ Participation Agreement- it is a voluntary process. See PPT for details.

☐ *Members agreed not to include reimbursement rates articulation in the pilot plan this year.*

10:20	III. Child Care Expansion Priorities Report and Master Plan QRIS CSPP Block Grant MOUs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. Munoz presented a brief update on the priorities report development. 	Diane
10:30	IV. Program Updates	All
10:50	V. Announcements	All
11:00	VI. Adjourn	

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at Campus Kids Connection 820 Bay Ave. Suite 128, Capitola.