



CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 9, 2024, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

United Way of Santa Cruz County, Conference Rm. 4450 Capitola Rd. STE. 106, Capitola, CA

Members of the public are invited to join the meeting by attending in-person at the address stated above or by zoom using this link: rb.gy/xdkvs/

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any person wishing to make a public comment will have the opportunity to do so via videoconference during the meeting for up to three minutes. To submit a comment, please send a comment no longer than 300 words to dmunoz@santacruzcoe.org no later than 11:00 am on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. Everyone may only make one comment per topic.

I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

- V. Boriack welcomed CAC and community members to the meeting.
- Members and community members introduced themselves.

II. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - ACTION ITEM

FEBRUARY MINUTES
MAY COMMITTEE REPORTS
MAY STAFF REPORT

- D. Munoz asked if members had questions about the consent agenda items?
- D. Munoz seeing no members with questions, asked if members would like to approve the consent agenda items as presented to the members.

L. Mendoza motioned to accept the consent agenda items and L. Orosco second the motion, and all members approved the motion.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

J. Macecevic mentioned to the members and community this item on the agenda provides the public an opportunity to address the Council about child care issues not on the agenda.

- There were no comments made at this time.

IV. CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL – SANTA CRUZ COUNTY WORKFORCE STUDY UPDATE: JOANNE BRION, BRION ECONOMICS INC.

- J. Brion presented survey methodology and highlights from the Early Care and Education Workforce survey.

- J. Brion mentioned they plan on distributing the survey to directors because most of the director responses received were from family child care owners. They are hoping to capture responses from center directors.
- Members asked many clarifying questions about the data.
- Members provided insight about the data.
- Next steps, the final draft will be shared with CAC Executive Committee members for input and the final report will be presented to CAC members in September.

V. **CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL – CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PRIORITIES REPORT ACTION ITEM**

- D. Munoz presented the FY 23-24 Child Care Subsidy Priorities report to the Council members for approval.
- D. Munoz reported the report was presented and approved at the Subsidized Programs subcommittee on Wednesday May 8th.
- The subcommittee members' programs provide the child care enrollment data for the report. The report reflects the number of children enrolled in each different type of state and federally funded child care programs in the county.
- T. Pastor mentioned that infant care is still a high priority.
- K. Lathrop mentioned the child enrollment hasn't changed much from last year.
- D. Munoz asked if members would like to make a motion to approve the Child Care Subsidy Priorities report as presented to the members?
- V. Boriack asked questions about child care slots and program centers plans to open their facilities.

P. Pastor motioned to accept the Priorities report and J. Macecevic second the motion.

VI. **CORE INVESTMENTS: FEEDBACK ON THE "LIFELONG LEARNING AND EDUCATION" CORE CONDITION: KRISTAL CABALLERO MPH, PUBLIC HEALTH CONSULTANT**

- K. Caballero provided an overview of the process in developing the LLE matrix.
- K. Caballero explained that she would like to gather feedback from the members about their thoughts about the information provided in the matrix.
- K. Caballero asked the members if there was local data to support the title or definition of each item/column. CORE Condition: Lifelong Learning & Education (LLE) Matrix.
- Members asked if the data and provided input about the language in the matrix and added information missing from the matrix.
- Contact information was shared with CAC and community members.

VII. **IEEEP AND UPK MIXED DELIVERY WORKGROUP PROGRAM UPDATE**

- D. Munoz provided an update on three grants managed under the CAC umbrella: UPK Mixed Delivery, Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program and QCC Workforce Pathway grants.
- D. Munoz reported K. Lathrop and her submitted the UPK Round 2 grant. The grant included funding for PT administrative assistant, PreK - TK community forum, countywide family survey and the development of marketing materials for PreK and TK programs in the county.
- IEEEP Round 2 grant was submitted in late April. The grant will fund: PT mental health consultant, adaptive equipment, professional development, resources and PT administrative assistant.

- UPK Round 1 will distribute stipends to UPK Leadership members for attending meetings.
- D. Munoz shared the Workforce Pathway Multilingual and Multicultural training will be presented on Saturday, May 25th at the YWCA of Watsonville. Educational awards for attending training January to May and higher education awards will be distributed in June and July.
- V. Boriack reminded QCC program administrators about the scheduled QCC meeting on May 29th. V. Borack stated there are many programming issues to discuss before fall.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No announcements were provided.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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.