



CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 8, 2024 1:30 - 3:30 pm

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

Members Present In-person: Anne Adamson (Encompass Head Start), Kendra Bobsin (Go Kids Inc.), Vicki Boriack (First 5 SCC), Lupe Cortes (PVUSD/MHS), Irene Freiberg (First 5 SCC), Lorena Gonzalez (Encompass Head Start), Julie Macecevic (Walnut Avenue), Rosario Navarro (SCCOE/MHS), Linda Orosco (PVUSD), Tricia Pastor (Cabrillo College), Alison Steinberg (UCSC Educational Services), Christina Valentin (Child Development Resource Center), and Nicole Young (Optimal Solutions Inc.).

Guest Present In-Person: Maria Castro (SCCOE MHS), David Brody (First 5 Santa Cruz County), Kathy Lathrop (COE/CAC), Kylie Roberts (Campus Kids Connections) and Piper Vogt, (Frist 5 SCC)

I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

- J. Macecevic welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- D. Munoz let everyone know there are two new CAC members present at the meeting.
- J. Macecevic asked new members to introduce themselves.
- All members and community members introduced themselves.

II. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - **ACTION ITEM**

- D. Munoz invited members to make a motion to accept the consent agenda items.
- T. Pastor made a motion and L Mendoza second the motion.
- All members approved the motion.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- J. Macecevic asked to let community members know this was the time open to community members to make a comment on child care issues not on the agenda.
- No response from the public was made.

IV. CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL - ECE WORKFORCE STUDY UPDATE: JOANNE BRION, BRION ECONOMICS INC.

- D. Munoz introduced Joanne Brion and Ulrike Jaklin, Brion Economics Inc.
- J. Brion provided an overview of the Santa Cruz County workforce study survey and background development information.
- J. Brion asked members for missing questions and if there were questions not needed in the survey.

- J. Brion requested support in reaching students enrolled in ECE college courses.
- J. Briion asked support from CAC members and partners to distribute the survey to all early educators, administrators and students.
- There was a request for volunteers to beta test the survey once it's ready.

V. CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL – EARLY CARE, EDUCATION AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREA DISCUSSION

- J. Macecevic introduced the purpose of this agenda item.
- J. Macecevic provided the focus area activity introduction and purpose of the activity. CAC members created a wonderful plan that will need support to implement the activities.
- This is a living document that will be reviewed by the members to decide what activities the members should work on in FY 24/25.
- V. Boriack provided the background information about each focus area. V. Boriack also generated the focus area worksheets based upon the CAC strategic plan and provided copies of the four focus area worksheets for the members and community to review and discuss.
- K. Lathrop provided information about the focus area activity. She encouraged members to make additional entries to the worksheets and to sign up to support one activity from focus areas.
- D.Munoz conducted the large group report out and discussion. D. Munoz asked to identify who will coordinate the activities they identified and what members will sign up to participate in future subcommittees.
- The Executive Committee was charged with reviewing members' input and development of subcommittee's in FY 24/25.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No announcements at this time.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.