



The Santa Cruz County Child Care Planning Council
El Consejo de Planeación de Cuidado Infantil del Condado de Santa Cruz
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MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 8, 2012, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Community Foundation Santa Cruz County

7807 Soquel Dr. Aptos, CA

Council Members Present: Vicki Boriack, Dana Cox, Larry Drury, Sohyla Fathi, Karen Hamman, Christina Herrera, Jim Hopper, Sita Moon, Rosario Navarro, Denise Ruso, Hendrika Sheldon, Jerri Winner, Ann Wise, and Nicole Young.

Excused Absences: Naomi Brauner, Irene Freiberg, Barbara Griffin, Jean Gallagher-Heil, Elaine Henning, Linda Kishlansky, Leticia Mendoza, and Ellen Ortiz.

Guests: Maria Castro, Paula Mahoney, Meghan Reilly, and Cynthia Sloane.

Staff: Carole Mulford and Diane Oyler

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

- Meeting was called to order by co-Chair S. Fathi at 2:40 pm and the Planning Council's meeting norms reviewed.

II. AGENDA REVIEW AND QUORUM CHECK

- Agenda was reviewed by members.

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- Consent agenda items were approved with correction of Rosario Navarro's name in the minutes.

Consent agenda was approved by Jim H. and second by all members.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- C. Sloane, announced the Side by Side Program provides early childhood mental health services to children who do not have insurance. The program includes a therapist and family service component. The mental health services targets subsidized child care programs, but is not limited to them. There are openings so call Side by Side for more information.
- L. Drury, mentioned the December Eight County Legislative Forum has been postponed to January or February 2013 date. Special committee hearings begin tomorrow, to gather information on the impact of the 2013-2013 budget cuts, and to examine efficiencies.
- M. Castro, announced MHS announced that Central California MHS had a federal review which included the new CLASS assessment instrument; the Review went well.



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- On another note: Cabrillo College has adopted a stricter interpretation of the policies re instruction in Spanish; if a student take an ECE class in Spanish, they are required to enroll in an ESL class. We are concerned that there will be a drop in new family child care providers due to this change in the class offerings.
- S. Fathi, attended a statewide training on state funded programs procedures; family certification, scheduling, signing in and out protocols and error rates determinations. The information was most helpful and she will share with Subsidized Program Consortium members at the January meeting.

V. MISSION AND VISION ACTIVITY

- C. Mulford shared the new CCPC web site with Council members and guests.
- C. Mulford introduced Paula Mahoney. Paula has received numerous awards for public relations, and has raised hundreds of dollars for public education. She has produced many local documentaries on such topics as; George Ow, American Red Cross, Regional Occupational Program, Adult Ed. Paula will work with the Council to craft the CCPC vision and mission statement and Master Plan.

Vision and Mission Activity:

- In three small groups members were asked to review six draft vision and mission statements.
- Members will agree on one vision and one mission statement to move forward to the council, and ultimately agree on one vision and one mission statement.

Child Care Planning Council's Vision and Mission Approved Statements:

- Our vision is that every family in Santa Cruz County has access to quality, affordable child care and development services.
- We are a unified voice for an early care and education system that meets the needs of all children and families in Santa Cruz County.

Vision and Mission statements were approved by J. Hopper and second by R. Navarro.

VI. MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT

- Members were asked to read the draft master plan and give input on wording, direction of the plan, and content.
- The original six Master Plan Priorities were combined into three priorities to simplify the direction of the council.
- In the Master Plan the council would recommitted to county stakeholders and partners via an MOU. The MOU would state the actual services and agreements between stakeholders/partners and the council. The MOUs would be evidence of partnerships that can be used by board of directors or to support stakeholders in the grant writing process.



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- Members were encouraged to join a Master Plan review adhoc committee, Denise R. and Jim H. volunteered to word smith.
- An effective outreach plan will include the development a video on the content of the CCPC Master Plan.
- The Master Plan final draft will be presented at the February Council meeting.

VII. RACE TO THE TOP

- V. Boriack, announced the Child Signature Program in partnership with Child and Family Development Programs has hired Meghan Reilly, Early Learning Systems Specialist. Meghan will promote and coordinate the quality early learning initiative in our county. Meghan is from Arizona where she coordinated a similar program. Welcome Meghan.
- V. Boriack presented an update on the new RTT Tier Hybrid System developed by the state. The system allows teachers to move up the tiers by completing set criteria designated by the state. The tiers represent quality and greater child outcomes. The entire matrix is built on child outcomes.
- First 5 is pleased to be working with Child Development Division (CDD) on this project and have been very supportive throughout the planning stages of this project.
- First 5 is participating in the Bay Area Region Early Learning – Race To The Top Quality Rating and Improvement System Consortia this collaboration will allow First 5 Santa Cruz to access many valuable resources.
- Chile Development Division (CDD) has contracted with WestEd. to offer the CA Teaching Pyramid to all seventeen Race To The Top counties. SCCOE is coordinating the RTT CA Teaching Pyramid professional development training this year.

VIII. AB212 Staff Retention and Professional Development Program

- D. Oylar reported the combining of AB212 and RTT professional development efforts will focus on presenting the CA Teaching Pyramid training modules. In addition to offering California Preschool Instructional Network training on the Preschool Learning Foundations and Preschool Curriculum Framework domains.
- RTT CA Teaching Pyramid trainings have been well attended. State funded staff members are excited to receive useful theory and strategies on social emotional development.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- D. Cox, announced the Project Green Child Care Health, UC Berkley Child Development and Health. Santa Cruz is one of the counties identified to receive: integrated pest management information to 15 centers in the county. This research will have a before and after survey. Each program



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receives a pest control kit. Dana will share project information at the Subsidized Programs Consortium meetings and other center based programs.

- C Mulford, announced the Transitional Kindergarten Field Trip and Professional Development training. Principals and TK teachers will travel by bus to Antonio Del Buono School in Gilroy on January 23rd. They will learn about effective policy and procedures, curriculum, assessments and parent communication strategies use by the school. The afternoon will feature Linda Brault, WestEd. CA Teaching Pyramid, Project Director presenting on social emotional development.
- C Mulford, announced the Transition to Kindergarten Community Forum will be held the first week in March. The School Readiness committee will assist with coordination of this event. More details to come.
- S. Moon, announced the Green Child Care Ventures workshop was a great success.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 7, 2013, 2:30 - 5:30 pm. Location: Child and Family Development Programs, 255 Westridge Dr. Watsonville.