



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

Thursday, February 7, 2013, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**Location: Child & Family Development Programs
255 Westridge Dr. Watsonville, CA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS - (10 min.) 2:30 - 2:40
 - L. Mendoza welcomed Council members and guest, Wilma Gold and Paula Mahoney to the meeting.
- II. AGENDA REVIEW AND QUORUM CHECK - (5 min.) 2:40 - 2:45
 - A review of the agenda and quorum check was conducted – quorum was not met at the beginning of the meeting.
 - An addition to the agenda was requested by W. Gold to discuss the *Non Violence in the Lives of Children Project*.
- III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA - (10 min.) 2:45 - 2:55
 - Consent agenda items will not be approved at this meeting due not meeting the quorum. Consent agenda items will be forward to May meeting for approval.
 - D. Cox requested name correction of *the Integrated Pest Management Early Care & Education Program* listed in the November minutes.
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS - (10 min.) 2:55 – 3:05
 - No comments or communications from the public.
- V. TOGETHER FOR KINDERGARTEN COMMUNITY FORUM - (10 min.) 3:05 - 3:15
 - C. Mulford, announced the *Together for Kindergarten Community Forum* will be held on Thursday, March 7th at the New Brighton Middle School. Keynote speakers will be Janis Keyser and Linda Brault, they will co-present on the topic of family engagement.
 - Their presentation will be interactive and will include several mini activities throughout the evening.
 - To help spread the word, outreach assistance was requested from the members.
 - Volunteers were solicited to assist with set up and break down after the event.
 - D. Oyler will create a volunteer sign-up sheet and email it to the membership.



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VI. MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT - (65 min.) 3:15 - 4:20

- C. Mulford led the discussion on the *2013-2018 Master Plan* development.
- Members were asked to approve the content of the draft Master Plan and the messaging.
- C. Mulford attended the *Eight County Leg. Forum* and came up with a new new tagline One Childhood One Chance. California has lost a billion dollars in child care funding since 2008, these cuts will be reflected in the Master Plan.
- Information from the CCDAA public policy page will be included in the Master Plan.
- Member's conceptual approval will expedite the Master Plan development, so it can be share it with elected officials in May.
- Data pages will include tables on the need and cost of child care, and reductions in funding and child care spaces. Each data page will have a caption to explain the data.

Partnership Page:

- Will include a sample letter of support from one members/agency, coordinator will collect similar letters from all council member agencies. Members requested a letter template.
- L. Drury suggested, may want to have a letter from individuals as well.
- D. Oylar will check in with M. Garcia, Santa Clara Co. LPC coordinator for support letter sample.
- Due date by March 15th. C. Mulford will present to COE board on March 24th
- May need to hold a special meeting to approve the Master Plan in March.

P. Mahoney:

- Asked members to agree on changes to the draft Plan.
- L. Drury suggested getting final approval at the TK Forum.
- V. Boriack will get support letter approval from First 5.

Large group review and suggestions:

- Members approved the new tag line, One Childhood One Chance.
- Members suggested changing the font style to a more professional style.
- Members suggested changing the dates on the Master Plan.
- Council name suggestion; Santa Cruz County Child Care Planning Council (Local Planning Council).
- Members agreed to meet at a special meeting to approve the Master Plan, at an off-site location; date and time to be determined.

VII. RACE TO THE TOP - (10 min.) 4:20 - 4:30

- V. Boriack reported on, Race To Top grant information, the participating programs and *Quality Rating Improvement System, QRIS*, matrix.
- This is a four year pilot project that includes outcomes based activities.
- This is a pilot project that will be constantly evolving.
- *Classroom Assessment Scoring System, CLASS*, is a required activity that focuses on improving the quality of child teacher interactions.



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- *Ages and Stages Questionnaire, ASQ*, is a required activity that screens the performance of children in many different areas of development.
- Child Development Division will fund West Ed. to offer RTT counties the *CA Teaching Pyramid, CSEFEL*, First 5 will pay stipends for those who attended.
- Santa Cruz County RTT is participating in a RTT Bay Area Region Consortia. The Consortia will offer counties resources.
- Meghan Reilly, SCCCC, is the Early Learning Systems Specialist, ELSS, she will assist RTT participants to move up the tier on the QRIS matrix.

Member Recommendations:

- L. Drury suggested including family child care in the local RTT plan. Two thirds of the children are care for by family child care providers in Santa Cruz County. First 5 Santa Clara is designing an APP to conduct ASQ.
- V. Boriack, First 5, will grow the local RTT plan to include family child care in the coming year's.

VIII. OAXACAN ACTION GROUP UPDATE - (5 min.) 4:30 - 4:35

- D. Oyler reported the Oaxacan Action Group is developing a video on child care information and resources for the Oaxacan community. The video will be played on kiosks at various agencies and programs frequented by the Oaxacan community members

IX. AB212 - (10 min.) 4:35 - 4:45

- D. Oyler reported on the progress of the *CA Teaching Pyramid*, social emotional development trainings. The eleven session trainings will instruct center staff on effective social emotional development strategies and valuable resources. The last training will be on Saturday, May 4th.

X. CHILD CARE VENTURES – (10 min.) 4:45 - 4:55

- J. Marshall is working with Cabrillo staff focusing on saving ECE programs and classes. He is also assisting with the opening of a new center and developer fees process.
- S. Moon reported CCV has been awarded the Packard grant for two more years.

XI. LEGISLATIVE FORUM AND BUDGET UPDATE – (10 min.) 4:55 - 5:05

- L. Drury distributed the state Child Development Division budget. Not a lot of changes this year. But it's important for agencies learn how to speak up, so we don't lose any funding in the coming year.
- Child care programs didn't receive a COLA, but do need to institute the new family fee process, some consider the family fee a cut. CDD is considering eliminating family fees due to concerns over the additional administrative cost and families inability to afford and pay the fees.



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- Assembly Select Committee on High Quality Early Childhood Education held a hearing on possible efficiencies for the state's subsidized child care and development system. The presentation was called "Doing it Cheaper and Better: Officially: Efficiencies and Streamlining."
- The *Eight County Legislative Forum* on Friday, February 1st went well. Newly elected Assembly Member Mark Stone was one of four panelists involved in an open dialog regarding current state legislation, and its impact on early child care and education programs.

XII. Non Violence in the Lives of Children Project

- W. Gold presented historical background about the NVLC Project includes creating an environment for children, families and staff that supports positive relationships, peaceful conflicts resolution skills and collaboration.
- Training component consists of multiple sections focusing on community, child care and self-issues.
- Cabrillo College, ECE dept. will support the Project with facility and publicity support.
- The training will be a two Saturday workshop with the option of one unit of Cabrillo College credit.
- The Non Violence in the Lives of Children Project is requesting a letter of support and assistance with publicity.

Questions:

- Funding pays for Spanish interpreter.
- NVLCP is facilitated by local college instructors, retired teachers, center and FCC providers and other experts in the components of training.
- L. Drury suggested the CCPC endorse the program, W. Gold will send a formal letter to request an endorsement from the CCPC.
- W. Gold will table the event and share program information.
- W. Gold the focus is on peaceful skill development and adults helping children learn to build their skills.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS - (15 min.) 5:05 - 5:25

- V. Boriack announced the Child Abuse Prevention Council will sponsor a Winter Symposium on February 8th at Cabrillo College.
- L. Drury announced that Go Kids Inc. Financial Services will host a workshop on How Do We Raise Money?
- S. Moon announced the Preparing for Emergencies at Your Child Care Center workshop will be held on Tuesday, February 19th at the COE.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT - (5 min.) 5:25 - 5:30

Next meeting: Thursday, May 9, 2013 at Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal St. Santa Cruz, CA