



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

Wednesday, February 5, 2014, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Community Foundation Santa Cruz County, 7807 Soquel Dr. Aptos, CA

Members Attended: Dana Cox, SCCOE, Early Start, Larry Drury, Go Kids Inc., Irene Freiberg, First 5, Barbara Griffin, Campus Kids Connection, Jean Gallagher Heil, Cabrillo College, Elaine Henning, Voucher Project, Christina Herrera, CDRC, Jim Hopper, Child Care Ventures, Leticia Mendoza, YWCA of Watsonville, Sita Moon, CDRC, Tricia Pastor-Cross, LOSD, Denise Powell, Early Head Start, Ashley Romele, PAMF, Jerri Winner, CDFP, and Nicole Young, Optimal Solutions.

Absent Members: Vicki Boriack, First 5 Santa Cruz County, Sohyla Fathi, UCSC, Karen Hamman, PVUSD, Rosario Navarro, SCCOE Migrant Head Start, and Ann Wise, San Lorenzo Valley.

Guests: Maria Castro, SCCOE/MHS, Maia D. Angelo, Highlands Child Development Program, Paige Garrahan, Office of Assembly Member Stone, Lisa Hindman Holbert, Community Bridges, Kathy Lathrop, PVUSD Child Development and Cynthia Sloane, Encompass/CFDP.

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

- J. Hopper read the CCPC mission.
- Members introduced themselves.

II. AGENDA REVIEW AND QUORUM CHECK

- L. Mendoza asked if there were additions to the agenda.
- There were no additions to the agenda.
- D. Oylar conducted quorum check.

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- L. Mendoza requested a motion to approve the consent agenda items.
- J. Gallagher move to approve and J. Hopper second the motion.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- M. Castro announced that SCCOE/Migrant Head Start is recruiting children 0-5.
- J. Gallagher Heil, presented an overview of the ECE department program changes that may occur, because Cabrillo College would like the ECE department to be revenue neutral, pay for itself, or the programs will be eliminated.
- J. Gallagher Heil requested a letter of support from the Council. The executive committee agreed to submit a letter of support to the Cabrillo College Trustee's.
- Additional letters of support were requested from the County Superintendent and Encompass/Child and Family Development Programs.



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- V. GUEST SPEAKER: DONITA STROMGREN: PUBLIC POLICY OFFICER, CHILD ACTION INC.
- Presented legislation information on SB 837 Kindergarten Readiness Act:
 1. The bill will change the original TK program and phase in over the next 5 yrs.
 2. The bill will use ADA for part time day attendance and will allow school districts to contract with private programs.
 3. Families will need to provide transportation for part day TK programs.
 4. Requirements for teachers will be phased in over 5 yrs.
 5. Group size will be one teacher and aid with 20 children or 1-10 ratio.
 6. Professional development is mentioned in the bill.
 - Who is behind the Bill?
 1. SB 837 was authored by Senators Steinberg, Beall, Block, DeLeon, DeSaulnier, Hancock, Hill, Lara, Leno, Liu and Wolk and Co-authored by Assemblymember Bonta.
 2. The likelihood of the bill moving forward --- is small at this time.
 3. Don't know if the Governor will sign the bill. He didn't support the current Transitional Kindergarten bill.
 4. Early Edge is sponsoring the bill and will host webinars to collect responses from the field.
 - Members had the following concerns:
 1. Slow down the train...this is overwhelming, need time to work out the details.
 2. Family child care and mixed delivery system need to be included.
 3. LPC needs to be fully funded to coordinate planning.
 4. Basic aid, facilities and wrap around care need to be addressed.
 5. Honor the current infrastructure that is already in place.
 6. State preschool fees and reimbursements rate increases are important issues for programs, need to focus on these issues.
 7. How will this help families and children, additional access to education?
 8. Best practices, ELL learners and home language need to be addressed.
 9. It's important to articulate solutions in a clear way.
 10. Special needs are these children included in the bill?
 11. Preschool administrators don't want to be the junior partner at the table at the mercy of the school district.
 12. How will professional development be offered to the workforce?
 13. What about the programs that do serve 4 yr. olds and depend upon them to
 14. Balance their budgets like family child care and non-profit centers?
 15. We can be partner and can address the workforce pathways and collaborate to close the achievement gap.
 16. There's a new generation of family child care owners that could participate in the program.
 17. The bill states, teachers need to be under immediate supervision of school district administrator?
 18. Parental choice will drive this some families will send their children.
 19. Look at the lessons learned from the current TK program; teachers need more professional development.



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20. Children five to thirteen yrs. are being left out. Funding has not been restored.

- SB 837 follow up meeting was suggested by members.
- Executive Committee will distill concerns and set follow up meeting via Doodle Poll.
- I. Freiberg suggested putting concerns in formal format.
- Need to consider what to tell legislators and need to present solutions for concerns.

VI. ADVOCACY ACTIVITY

- Activity was tabled.

VII. CCPC BUSINESS FOLLOW UP

- J. Hopper presented an overview of the Child Care Developer Fee Loan Program.
- D. Oylar reported on the planning process and outcomes from the first Child Care Fee Loan Program meeting in January.
- S. Moon encouraged programs to think about program needs and start gathering bids from contractors. We are recommended slowing down the process to allow time for loan and application orientations. Committee suggested visits to grantee's programs as a follow up practice.

VIII. TOGETHER FOR KINDERGARTEN FORUM

- C. Mulford reported that Sarah Crow, Next Generation and Too Small To Fail will present the keynote address.
- C. Mulford reported that Debra Mc Mannis, EESD, Executive Direction will attend the Forum. She will share how to give input on the SB 837 planning process.
- L. Hindman Holbert suggested we recognize all attendee's by asking them to stand Up by positions, all teachers, all administrators etc.

C. Mulford reported the State Superintendents Stakeholders Group will focus on

- Eliminating the family fees for CSPP part day state preschool programs.
- Increasing licensing visits to all child care programs.

IX. RACE TO THE TOP

- J. Winner reported on CFDP Race to the Top. The first base line ratings for 3 and 4 yr. olds. have been completed and results will be submitted to the state.
- Members suggested to including Transitional Kindergarten teachers to Race to the Top (RTT) activities.
- N. Young reported that First 5 submitted the additional RTT funding plan to the State for approval.
- J. Gallagher Heil reported that Cabrillo College Children's Center has joined the RTT program.
- J. Winner reported the next RTT Consortia meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 5th, following the CCPC Subsidized Programs Consortium meeting.
- CLASS trainings have been completed, L. Gonzalez conducted all the trainings in



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English and Spanish; 20 classrooms were rated and scores were high due to CSEFEL and SEEDS professional development trainings.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- D. Cox announced that California Inclusion and Behavior Consultation (CIBC) Services are available for family child care and centers. There are Spanish speaking consultants in our county. This service is free.
- Integrated pest management program has worked with 15 child care sites. So if centers would like a visit call D. Cox. This program will wrap up in the summer.
- D. Cox announced there will be an Inclusion Conference at the Santa Clara COE. hosted by Janis Bateglia, Inclusion Director. Diane will send details.
- Cabrillo College, its the middle of the second week of the semester, has spaces in student teaching class. Contact Jean if you know of someone who might be interested in enrolling in class.
- Tonight is the first class; Curriculum in Life Science, 156 A Life Science, Mahdu Lodha is the class instructor.
- Child Care Ventures has been fully funded and consultants are available by request to the child care community.
- Tom Copeland workshop will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15th, Horticulture Center, Cabrillo College 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

XI. ADJOURNMENT - 5:00 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at Community Foundation Santa Cruz County.