



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, May 13, 2015, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Marinovich Park Community Center, 120 Second St. Watsonville, CA

Members Present: Sara Balla, Discovery Preschool and Family Center, Jonnie Cardinale, Spring Hill Elementary, Larry Drury, Go Kids Inc., Irene Freiberg, First 5, Karen Hamman, PVUSD, Elaine Henning, Voucher Project, Christina Valentin, CDRC, Leticia Mendoza, YWCA of Watsonville, Sita Moon, CDRC, Jane Weed-Pomerantz, Positive Discipline Community Resources and Jerri Winner, CFDP

Absent Members: Rebecca Bogdan, SCCOE, Vicki Boriack, First 5 Santa Cruz County, Tricia Pastor-Cross, Cabrillo College, Sohyla Fathi, YWCA of Watsonville, Jean Gallagher Heil, Cabrillo College, Ashley Romele, PAMF, Rosario Navarro, SCCOE Migrant Head Start, Hendrika Sheldon, Happy Acers Family Child Care Home, and Nicole Young, Optimal Solutions

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

- D. Oyler welcomed members to the meeting.
- Members introduced themselves.

II. AGENDA REVIEW AND QUORUM CHECK

- D. Oyler conducted a quorum check and quorum was established.
- D. Oyler reviewed the agenda and asked if there were additions to the agenda.
- There were no additions to the meeting agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Oyler asked if there were any changes to the Consent Agenda items.
- E. Henning requested changes to the February minutes:
- D. Oyler will follow up with E. Henning for changes to the minutes.
- D. Oyler requested approval of the Consent Agenda with corrections to the February minutes.

C. Valentin moved to approve the Consent Agenda items with corrections, and J. Weed Pomerantz, seconded the motion. All members voted to approve Consent Agenda items.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- D. Oyler asked if anyone would like to address the council with a child care related issue?
- E. Henning shared that Royal Oaks Farms will host an informational outreach event to assist employees' locate resources and child care. The event is scheduled for Thursday, May 21st from 11:00 AM -2:00 PM, in Aromas/Royal Oaks.



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- C. Mulford announced that she will attend the next Watsonville City Council meeting to thank Council members for supporting family child care, and to applaud the city for the neighborhood Science Workshop program at Marinovich Park.
- C. Valentin shared that the Oaxaca Festival will be held at Harbor High School this weekend. L. Mendoza will send a flyer with details.
- J. Weed-Pomerantz shared that Positive Discipline Community Resources has a new tip sheet on routines.
- S. Balla, Discovery Preschool and Family Center announced that they are in the pre-licensing phase of opening their new center. They will offer child care, training and resources for families.
- J. Cardinale announced that Spring Hill Elementary is in the pre-licensing phase of opening their new preschool that will serve 14 children.

V. CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL BUSINESS

- C. Mulford presented a QRIS/CSPP Block Grant program update. COE is moving quickly to distribute QRIS/CSPP Block Grant funds to state funded preschool programs as soon as possible. Year two QRIS/CSPP Block Grant program will begin in July.
- A public awareness campaign about quality child care will be disseminated to families next year.

VI. TOUR OF EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- C. Mulford discussed the reason behind touring early care and education programs: to improve advocacy skills of members.

Guest Speaker # 1: Leticia Mendoza, Executive Director, YWCA of Watsonville

- L. Mendoza presented overview of the YWCA mission followed by a tour of the YWCA State Preschool Center.
- Q & A session followed the tour.

Members traveled to PVUSD Watsonville Children's Center for the second presentation and center tour.

Guest Speaker # 2: K. Hamman, Child Development Coordinator, Pajaro Valley Unified School District

- K. Hamman presented an overview of PVUSD Early Childhood Education/ Child Development programs followed by a tour of the Watsonville Children's Center.
- Q & A session followed the tour.



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VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- I. Freiberg announced that SEEDS classes will start on June 12th in Spanish at Pajaro Valley Unified School District, Migrant Head Start child care centers and family child care homes.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September, 9, 2015 at Santa Cruz County Office of Ed.
400 Encinal St. Santa Cruz, CA 95060.