



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, September 9, 2015, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal St. Santa Cruz, CA

Members Present: Sara Balla, Discovery Preschool and Family Center, Rebecca Bogdan, SCCOE, Vicki Boriack, First 5 Santa Cruz County, Karen Hamman, PVUSD, Leticia Mendoza, YWCA of Watsonville, Sita Moon, CDRC, Carol Mulford, Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Rosario Navarro, SCCOE Migrant Head Start, Ashley Romele, PAMF, Christina Valentin, CDRC, Martine Watkins, Applied Survey Research, Jerri Winner, CFDP, and Nicole Young, Optimal Solutions.

Absent Members: Yvette Brooks, SELPA-MIS, Jonnie Cardinale, Spring Hill Elementary, Tricia Pastor-Cross, Cabrillo College, Larry Drury, Go Kids Inc., Irene Freiberg, First 5, Barbara Griffin, Campus Kids Connection, Elaine Henning, Voucher Project, Jane Weed-Pomerantz, Positive Discipline Community Resource, Hendrika Sheldon, Happy Acers Family Child Care Home

Guest: David Brody, First 5 Santa Cruz County, Nga Trinh-Halperin, Positive Discipline Community Resources, Nicolette Lee, Senator Bill Monning, Field Representative, John Leopold, Board of Supervisor, 1st District, Jennifer Perez, Early Head Start, Elizabeth Root, UCSC Early Education Services

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.
- C. Mulford conducted a meet and greet exercise.
- 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. There were no additions.
- L. Mendoza moved to approve the Consent Agenda items and R. Bogdan seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the Consent Agenda items.



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IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- D. Oyler asked if there were any public comments to share with the council.
- J. Winner announced a recent 50th anniversary event. A gathering of civic leaders and educators was held on Friday, August 28th at the Museum of Discovery in Capitola, followed by a free day at the museum on Saturday, August 29th. Over 300 children attended the museum to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Head Start program.

V. CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL BUSINESS

- C. Mulford presented the 30 Second PSA on the State Preschools participating in our local QRIS (quality rating improvement system) . QPS is the coined name to bring name recognition to the program. Using the known familiarity with a GPS for **where you are**, QPS means **how** our state funded preschools are doing. The goal is to encourage more families to enroll in quality preschool. Information will be available through CDRC (Child Development Resource Center) as required by the State.
- C. Mulford discussed updates to SB 548, which aimed to provide support for over 3.2 million children, five years and under, in low income households. However it was amended and last minute changes revealed it would not be as beneficial to children as originally proposed. This bill attempts to unionize family child care providers and requires certain training without a dedicated funding stream.
- Senator Monning's office encourages letters or calls to express our concerns. Can call Nicolette at 425-0401.
- The council voted to officially oppose SB 548. Will generate letter and send to Nicolette to record.
- S. Balla recommended the council focus on additional infrastructure funding for state preschools for operational expenses.

VI. GUEST SPEAKER: DAVID BRODY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FIRST 5 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

- D. Brody, Executive Director of First 5 Santa Cruz County, presented on IMPACT initiative. Funding is for professional development support programs, not for direct services; \$190 million over five years Statewide (\$1.92 million in Santa Cruz County), focused on continuous quality improvement and rating systems. Goal is to increase the number of high-quality early learning settings, in partnerships with alternative programs, supporting and engaging families in the early learning process, and integrating seven system functions.



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- Funding areas include: \$120 million – County/Regional allocations, \$18 million – Regional training and technical assistance hubs, \$28 million – State-level system support and Statewide T&TA, \$24 million – Evaluation and research projects. In order to receive Step 3 level funding must participate in Strengthening Families program as well as Race to the Top.
- Types of sites who can participate include: licensed centers, licensed FCCH, license-exempt providers, and alternative settings that encompass the community and home-based settings which are not child care or preschool sites. In year two, sites must serve 10 percent infants/toddlers and 15 percent must be FCC homes.
- J. Winner and Cynthia Sloane are interested in participating in Ad Hoc Planning Team.

VII. GUEST SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR JOHN LEOPOLD, 1ST DISTRICT, CRADLE TO CAREER

- D. Oylar welcomed Supervisor John Leopold who presented on: The Cradle to Career (C2C) Initiative. The Live Oak community is one of the most underserved with varying levels of income; where 71% of K-8 children participating in free/reduced price lunch program.
- Live Oak Cradle to Career (C2C) initiative is designed to partner with community agencies (Community Foundation, County Health Services, Encompass, Live Oak Family Resource Center, etc.) to provide needed resources to support good health, education and character; not only for the children but for their families, all with using existing funds.
- Container Group, made up of community group representatives, is designing the model for funding, staffing, policy and evaluation to address the greatest needs for the community. The collaborative made a decision to focus on the Live Oak Elementary Preschool as an initial starting point. Goal is to establish network of partnerships and expand similar countywide resources.
- SCCPC Master Plan is important to the board's funding assessment and decision making. They will help drive metrics used for allocating future funds.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome Martine Watkins, our newest council member appointed by the Board of Supervisors, representing Category 1 – Parents.
- Yvette Brooks, was appointed by Superintendent of Schools to represent Category 1 – Parents.
- S. Balla invited council members to the Discovery Preschool and Family Center Red Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening Ceremony at their new site, Saturday, September 19th.



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- D. Oyler announced the Child Care ECE Conference on Saturday, October 10th; Supervisor John Leopold will be awarded with the Vision and Voice award.
- D. Oyler announced that on Friday, October 16th the Eight County Early Child Care Coordinators will host the Bay Area Early Care & Education Legislative Forum in Santa Clara.
- N. Trinh-Halperin announced the Positive Discipline for Parents, Caregivers and teachers of Special Needs Children series will be begin on Thursday, October 1st for 4 Consecutive Thursday's from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm at Cabrillo College in Aptos.
- V. Boriak announced that First 5 has received several grants that will allow for the expansion of the Reading Corps program into TK and Spanish speaking kindergarten classrooms.
- D. Brody announced SB 77 taking effect in May 2016 will offer Medi-Cal for undocumented children, enrollment can start now. Enrollment has opened for 6-18 year old children into Healthy Kids.
- N. Young announced trainings available for interested Triple P providers, as well as a new class titled *Lifestyle Triple P*, for families with children who are overweight or obese this year.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County, 7807 Soquel Dr. Aptos.