



The Santa Cruz County Child Care Planning Council
El Consejo de Planeación de Cuidado Infantil del Condado de Santa Cruz
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Subsidized Programs Consortium Minutes
Thursday, December 4, 2014, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Community Foundation Santa Cruz County, Aptos, CA

Consortium Co-Chairs: Karen Hamman (PVUSD) and Lisa Hindman Holbert (Community Bridges)

Members in Attendance: Larry Drury (Go Kids Inc.), Tricia Pastor Cross (Cabrillo College), Kathy Lathrop (PVUSD), Cathy Lusk (Walnut Avenue Women's Center), Leticia Mendoza (YWCA of Watsonville), Sita Moon (Child Development Resource Center), Carole Mulford (SCCOE)

Absent: Maria Castro (SCCOE, MHS), Sohyla Fathi (YWCA), Elaine Henning (Voucher Project), Jessica Kranz (Go Kids Inc.), Kelly Mercurio (Go Kids Inc.), Blanca Sanchez (Watsonville Community School), Melanie Sluggett (LOSD), Kris Stanga (Pacific Elementary), Dawn Wetzel (UCSC) and Jerri Winner (CDFP)

Guest: Jo Ann Allen (SCCOE, SMHP), Linda Brault (WestEd.), David Brody (First 5), Dana Cox (Early Start, Cabrillo College), Alison McCabe (Side by Side), Meghan Reilly (Encompass Community Services)

Facilitated by: Diane Oyler (Child Care Planning Council)

I. Welcome and Introductions. Additions to Agenda

- Members and guest were welcomed to the meeting.
- An overview of meeting goals was presented by D. Oyler.

II. Guest Speaker: Jo Ann Allen, Schools Mental Health Partnership (SMHP)

- Local SMHP New Mandates and Merging with Early Education
 1. J. Allen presented a historical overview of SMHP Regional Partnership.
 2. CA Mental Health Services Association Grant has expanded its focus to include children birth – 5 yrs.
 3. CA MHSA funding is for training and resources to serve children with the highest needs (0-18 yrs.).
 4. The funding is not for direct counseling services.
 5. Santa Cruz County SMHP received \$119,000 last yr.
 6. Josh Harrower, CSUMB is the PBIS trainer (also Rebecca Mendiola)
 7. SMHP will apply for (Positive and Early Intervention) (PEI) funding.
 8. J. Allen invited early educators to join the S. C. County SMHP meeting on Friday, January 9th from 2:00 – 4:00 am at COE to present an overview of behavioral health issues and successful implementation strategies.
- Comments from SPC members
 1. Young children (0-5 yrs.) need support from county behavioral health services.
 2. ECE early intervention would reduce the number of children requiring services in elementary and secondary education programs.

3. Need to include broader representation of early care and education programs, including nonprofit and private and family child care homes.

III. **Guest Speaker: Linda B. WestEd.**

- CA CSEFEL and SMHP Planning
 1. Early educators will present early intervention practice (CA CSEFEL) successes and ongoing challenges that need to be addressed and resourced through collaboration with SMHP.
 2. D. Oyler will send the list of potential partners to invite to the table.
 3. Early educators at the initial January 9th meeting will include: D. Brody K. Lathrop, A. McCabe, C. Zercker, C. Mulford and D. Oyler.
 4. K. Lathrop, A. McCabe, D. Brody and D. Oyler will articulated/develop power point presentation.
- Next SPC Meeting
 1. L. Brault and SPC members will meet on **Thursday, February 5th**.
 2. Group will articulate outcomes from the SMHP meeting.
 3. Members will map out and identify gaps in services.
 4. Develop a vision for the group.
 5. Identify Top of Pyramid supports for state programs and replicate the model to include the broader ECE community.
 6. Invite Jean from Cabrillo College to present fall class schedule information.
- CA CSEFEL Leadership Goals
 1. Continue to support the CSEFEL philosophy via: make and takes, technical assistance, coaching and Professional Learning Communities (PLCs).
 2. Support continued use of Inventory of Practice and Benchmarks of Quality in CSEFEL programs.
 3. Linda B. will facilitate a CSEFEL refresher workshop for Leadership Team and invite broader ECE community.

IV. **Professional Development (CTKS/CSPP, QRIS, AB 212 CA CSEFEL)**

- TK/CSPP Recommendations
 1. K. Lathrop suggested offering: California Preschool Instructional Network (CPIN) Preschool Learning Foundations, CA CSEFEL and DRDP 2015 trainings.
- QRIS Recommendations: L. Brault reported CA CSEFEL has the capacity to provide units for staff attending training.

V. **Preschool and General Child Care Expansion Funding Check In**

- CCTR funding: Go Kids Inc. applied to serve 26 migrant camp children.
 - Programs that applied for CSPP Expansion funding: Go Kids Inc., PVUSD, Walnut Ave. Women's Center, and YWCA.
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VI. Announcements

- D. Cox, SCCOE Early Start, recognized the large number of family child care providers who attended the Integrated Pest Management in Child Care Research Project meeting.
- L. Mendoza invited SPC members to YWCA Open House Celebration, Thursday, December 4th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Manfre Manor, 340 East Beach St. Watsonville, CA.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at Community Foundation Santa Cruz County. Schools Mental Health Partnership meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 9, 2015 at SCCOE, Tech Ctr.

