



**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**  
**Wednesday, December 4, 2013, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**  
**Community Foundation Santa Cruz County, 7087 Soquel Dr. Aptos, CA**

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

**Members in Attendance:** Sohyla Fathi, (UCSC), Elaine Henning, (Voucher Project), Jessica Kranz, (Go Kids Inc.), Sita Moon, (Child Development Resource Center), Tricia Pastor-Cross, (Live Oak Child Development), and Jerri Winner, (CDFP: Head Start). Leticia Mendoza, (YWCA of Watsonville).

**Absent Members:** Larry Drury, (Go Kids Inc.), Cathy Lusk, (WAWC), Eric Bitter, (Pacific Elementary School) Kathy Lathrop, (PVUSD). Meghan Reilly, (SCCCC), Blanca Sanchez, (Watsonville Community School) LeeAnn O'Connell, (UCSC)

**Facilitated by:** Diane Oyler, (Child Care Planning Council, Coordinator)

**I. Welcome and Introductions. Additions to Agenda**

- Child Development Permit process and DRDP Tech were added to the agenda
- Members introduced themselves.
- D. Oyler reported that Carole Galginaitis, Monterey Co. LPC coordinator was not available to present on DRDP Tech this month, but may be available to attend the January or February meeting.

**II. Program Celebrations and Updates**

CDFP:

- 25 families participated in the Adopted a Family program sponsored by the Santa Cruz Warriors basketball team. Team members will visit and donate gifts to the family.

UCSC:

- Received a donation from former employee and was sitting in an account unused for months. Funding will be seed money for an endowment and will work to match the funds for future access. The family resource center and child care center planning has been completed. Recommendation will be submitted to the Chancellor for final approval.

YWCA:

- Received a Community Foundation grant in Oct., applied for State preschool relinquished funding and received approval in Nov. The State allowed the Y to use some of the funding for start up costs.
- YWCA hosted the Girls Raising film in Watsonville, the event was a huge success. Generating unexpected funding for the Y programs.

SCCOE/CDP:

- Working with Sentinel on child care story, and we are in negotiations with KION to create a PSA about the child care switchboard.
- CDRC offers enhanced referrals to large companies like, PAMF, UCSC, and Bay Photo Lab.

- The State Superintendent continues to focus on Preschool for All.

#### Voucher Project:

- They are planning for the agencies 40 year celebration, that will take place sometime in 2014.

#### Go Kids:

- They just celebrated 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Launched their own kitchen, to provide quality food in their child care programs. They received a State Categorical Program Monitoring last month. All positive outcomes for all of their programs.

#### Community Bridges:

- The Highland Park Center has opened; the Alternative Payment Program is working well. There was some staff turn-over. They recently hired a dynamic leader and two FTE staff members. Will host an open house in January.
- Race To the Top sites are using environmental assessments and resources have been helpful. Staff is sharing the resources with families.
- DRDP training was very helpful. Staff mentioned that J. Davis said you only have to have one piece of evidence to support each measure. This can be determined by agency. D.Oyler will seek clarification from J. Davis and will forward answer to members.

#### Live Oak:

- Preschool enrollment is going well; classrooms are full at all sites. Funding has been an issue and bringing new employees up to speed it taking some time. They have a good team this year.
- Afterschool program has a scratch kitchen funded by a Nurturing Generation grant the proposal includes teaching children about healthy eating habits and cooking with children in the afterschool programs.
- CLASS assessments scores were good. An independent assessor conducted assessments, staff were excited about outcomes.
- Communication with CDD Program Analyst: Is there a communication protocol and timeline?
- TK – Pre k question: The March CDD Management Bulletin stated children can stay in preschool programs; programs are allowed to serve them. Parent's choice however will drive where children stay. Parents have options and can choose to enroll their child in both programs, TK in the morning and pre k in the afternoon.

#### PVUSD:

- Portfolios have been produced for each child. Staff learned about the number of evidence required for DRDP assessments.
    - Ages and Stages Questionnaire assessments are going well.
    - The infant center remains closed, due to low enrollment.
    - Will move infants to Family Child Care homes instead.
    - Local Control Funding: has had a positive impact on district employees.
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### **III. Professional Development Permits Discussion**

- D. Oyler reported that J. Gallagher Heil will attend the Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss Permit process issues, in particular, Associate Teacher requirements.
- Members suggested inviting COE credential staff members to the January meeting. D. Oyler will follow up on this and report to members via email.

### **IV. DRDP Tech**

- Time allocated to conduct assessments is an issue at all agencies.
- Teachers are required to conduct DRDP's as part of their job duties.
- There isn't much release time because of cuts to the budgets
- YWCA gives staff release time during the reporting period to conduct assessments.
- Parent Teacher conferences will be included in the program.

### **V. Together for Kindergarten Community Forum**

- Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at New Brighton Middle School, Capitola. Keynote speaker will be Sarah Crow, Nest Generation, Too Small to Fail.
- D. Oyler invited members to join the School Readiness subcommittee to help coordinate the forum?
- Would like to collect ideas on DRDP activity planning. There is heightened interest in DRDP because CA Superintendent is suggesting that TK and K teachers learn how to use assessment in their classrooms.
- K. Lathrop would like to work with us on it.

### **VI. AB 212**

- Training reminder, CA Teaching Pyramid on Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at COE from 9:00 -1:00 pm.
- D. Oyler will send amounts due from each program for the DRDP training. 46 state funded staff members attended the training.
- Child and Family Development Programs and COE will coordinate a Make N Take training after the new year.

### **VII. Announcements**

- Save the Date meet the Community Care Licensing Ombudsman, Jude Burdon on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Developer Fee Loans will be available this year; HSD will send information soon. There may be some adjustments to the rules. Loan information will be released in Spring 2014.

### **VIII. Adjourn**

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at Community Foundation Santa Cruz County.

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