



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, October 2, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Community Foundation Santa Cruz County, 7807 Soquel Dr. Aptos, CA

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

Members in Attendance: Lupe Cortes (Cabrillo College), Larry Drury, (Go Kids Inc.), Elaine Henning (SCCPA), Jessica Kranz (Go Kids Inc.), Kathy Lathrop (CalSAFE and PVUSD), Cathy Lusk, (WAWC), Leticia Mendoza, (YWCA), Sita Moon (Child Development Resource Center), LeeAnn O'Connell, (UCSC), and Jerri Winner (Encompass, CDFP).

Absent Members: Sohyla Fathi, (UCSC), Tricia Pastor Cross, (Live Oak Child Development), Meghan Reilly (Encompass), Stacey Reynolds (Pacific State Preschool), Lorisa Ronquillo (Watsonville Community School), and Blanca Sanchez (Watsonville Community School).

Guest: Kelly Mercurio, (Go Kids Inc.)

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

I. Welcome and Introductions. Additions to Agenda

- Diane announced that Monica Grimes Burger canceled her presentation at today's meeting due to work related commitments.
- L. Drury, Go Kids introduced new staff member Kelly Mercurio, Program Director.
- E. Henning, Management Bulletin announced that CDD revised 801 forms.

II. Program Updates/Announcements

- **Go Kids:** 35 year celebration will be held in Gilroy. GK received restoration funds this year. The Gilroy center received a waiver to allow the rotation of children on play ground. Food contractor will no longer provide food for Go Kids centers. GK opened a commercial kitchen to provide food to programs. The quality of food has improved dramatically and there is much more control over the menus.
- **Voucher Project:** E. Henning reported that Voucher had completed the state audit. There are many children in Stage 1 transferring to Stage 2 program. Staff are spending a lot of time digging into family eligibility. E. Henning asked members to send 801-A enrollment reports to Voucher, so they can continue to collect data even though the state terminated CEL contracts.
- **YWCA:** L. Mendoza reported they received restoration funding and have enrolled 16 additional children. Now waiting for confirmation of permanent state funding.
- **CDFP:** J. Winner reported that CDFP will serve an additional 24 children due to receiving state restoration funding. The federal sequestration cuts resulted in eliminating transportation and opening programs later in the year.

- **CDRC:** S. Moon reported that families are bouncing from program to program. Parents' driving force is that child care must meet their needs.

This year CDRC is focusing on offering support to non profit and for profit directors. So we can help them sustain their small businesses.

PVUSD: K. Lathrop reported they need 4 yr olds, can't enroll enough of them. Our program is experiencing workforce issues that include unions, salaries and local control funding. The district has been very supportive of child development programs in relation to salaries. We were able to move part time staff to full time positions.

Cabrillo College: L. Cortes is the new acting director. Enrollment is low, because families need full time care and we offer part time.

UCSC: S. Fathi reported they completed enrollment process, and all programs are fully enrolled, except the four year old classroom.

WAWC: C. Lusk reported they are fully enrolled. She had a CEL question; if programs are still entering families on to the CEL should they tell families to contact programs directly or should we send them to Voucher. Are the updates saved on the CEL and does Voucher staff see the changes?

E. Henning reported the CEL may go black by January 2014. Santa Cruz County CEL will avoid going black because the Voucher Project will continue to receive and update the CEL. In an effort to keep the CEL alive locally, programs agreed to submit monthly 809-A reports to Voucher.

Community Bridges: L. Hindman Holbert reported that C. B. is continuing its search for new CEO. Redwood Mt. center site is full with a wait list and all other programs are full. The new Highlands Park Child Development Center has experienced a shift in staff and families. Full time teaching positions will be starting soon, and we hired a new site supervisor Maia D'Andrea. She is very rooted in the San Lorenzo Valley and brings a lot of support and expertise to the position.

III. Hot Topics

- American Health Program – L. Hindman Holbert will send info to send to membership via email.
- How to find time for employees to complete program mandates.
- Child Development Permit and Professional Development: staff needs support, to continue to focus on their permit requirements and the need for continued training. The Associate Teacher Permit is where staff members are having difficulty moving forward. The web site is difficult to use and there is a lot of confusion over what is required; specific unit bearing courses and/or professional development hours.

Suggestions:

- AB212 can play a role in this each year. Encourage Title V and State funded staff to review their permits on a regular basis so they will know when their permits need to be renewed.

- Remind staff of what will happen if they don't keep their permits updated...they could lose their job.
- Invite J. Gallagher Heil, Cabrillo College, to the next SPC meeting to discuss permit issues.
- Offer a Child Development Permit Workshop – Cabrillo College and COE will collaborate on the event.
- Host an advisors meeting to discuss the Associate Teacher Permit renewal process and General Ed. requirements.

IV. AB212 Update

- Diane shared the 2013-2014 AB212 professional development calendar with program administrators and asked for their input.
- DRDP trainings will require each program to pay a nominal registration fee for each staff member to attend the trainings this year. It was suggested that \$15.00 to \$20.00 per staff member would help off set the total cost of the DRDP trainings.
- Diane will send training notifications to program administrators for upcoming trainings.

V. Announcements

- PVUSD: Jennifer, Raising a Reader has returned from leave. She is researching different methods to collect child data.
- PVUSD: will temporarily close the Watsonville Infant Toddler center, due to low enrollment; they currently have three children enrolled. Cal SAFE funding is gone; the future of the CalSAFE program will be decided at the next board meeting.
- Go Kids: 35 Year Celebration will be held on Friday, October 4th at Gilroy Gardens, from 5:30 – 8:30 pm.
- YWCA: Attend *Girls Rising* film, Friday, Oct. 18th, at the Watsonville High School Mello Center tickets are \$10.00 for adults. Event includes the movie and panel discussion.

VI. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at Community Foundation Santa Cruz County.
