



Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council
Minutes January 12, 2022 – 9:00am-11:00am
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Members Present: Jacqui Banta, Jennifer Bergquist, Artesia Carlon, Donna B. Fisher, Shelley Grand, Supervisor Gregg Hart, Holly Harvan, Beth Hassenplug, Annette Muse, Lorraine Neenan, Robin Palmerston, Nancy Saengjaeng, Tressa Saviers, Serineh Vartani, Sharol Viker, Susan Walsh, Janelle Willis (late), Ralph Ybarra

Members Excused: Flo Furuike, Michelle Graham, Eileen Monahan, Daisy Ochoa, Raquel Valdez

Members Absent: None

Alternates Present: Maggie Flores, Jennifer Macdonald, Marina Nolte

Guests Present: Ethan Bertrand (SBC Board of Supervisors), Maggie Suarez (Allan Hancock College)

Staff Present: Christian Patterson, Shelley Trost (9:45am)

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Vice Chair, Jacqui Banta, called the meeting to order at 9:02am. Introductions.

II. Public Comment Period

No public comment.

III. Approval of Minutes of November 10, 2021

The Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 10, 2021, by Susan Walsh. Lorraine Neenan seconded the motion. **MSC.**

Approval of Minutes of January 7, 2022 (Special Vote Meeting)

A vote was discussed but never taken for the January 7, 2022, minutes. This will go on the February 9, 2022, agenda for approval.

IV. Child Care Planning Council Grant Updates

a. Local Planning Council Grant

\$21,879 to spend. Teacher Appreciation ideas were discussed. If you have any new ideas, please share with Christian. We may help centers with educational materials. CRM coaching ended in December and the trainer/coaches have been paid.

b. Santa Barbara Foundation's ECE Leadership Grant

We have an instructor for the leadership training for this year. Training will be in person in the beginning of April. We would like to provide training book sets for attendees.

c. Workforce Pathways Grant

There is not much new to report. We will start processing stipends after the May 15th deadline. Of the 175 application packets, 16 were incomplete. Denial letters will go out this week. There were eight applicants that did not qualify due to not working more than six months with current employer. We will discuss at WALDO if we will enforce this requirement or be lenient.

WP Supplemental First 5 Dual Language Learner Grant

The grant extension from First 5 Santa Barbara goes from December 31, 2021, to June 30, 2022. Stipends in the amount of \$18,161 will be paid out after May 15th.

V. Brown Act (AB361) Review and discuss Brown Act Virtual Meeting Requirements



- On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a statewide emergency arising from COVID-19 pursuant to Government Code section 8625
- On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB361 which amends the Brown Act to allow for governing boards to continue holding virtual meetings should there be:
 - A. A State of Emergency
 - B. Imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees
- Special vote/meetings must be held every 30 days or less prior to the next calendared meeting to reconsider whether the State of Emergency continues to directly impact the safety of members to meet in person
- A vote will be taken to reach a decision about whether to continue meeting virtually. Voting is for members only.

Vote for February 9th Meeting (remote or in-person)

A special meeting is not necessary because we are under 30 days until our next meeting.

Motion to remain remote by Supervisor Gregg Hart. Susan Walsh seconded the motion. **MSC.**

VI. Committee Updates

Needs Assessment/Strategic Plan Ad Hoc – Jennifer Bergquist/Lorraine Neenan

Nothing to report. Co-chairs will meet and set a date for their next meeting.

COAT- Communications, Outreach, Advocacy Team – Robin Palmerston

Their Activity Plan has been finalized. COAT will share the Plan with Council.

Facilities – Sharol Viker

Facilities has not met for a while. We are working on a meeting date within the next few weeks.

ICCAT - Inclusive Child Care Action Team – Jacqui Banta

ICCAT has not met recently. Holly Harvan will share more in-depth next month.

WALDO – Christian Patterson

WALDO met and discussed potential outreach opportunities for high school students to pursue ECE careers. Christian met with Thesa Roepke. Thesa gave us some ideas to move forward with a plan which will be shared with WALDO in today's meeting. More information to come

VII. Coordinators Report

Christian joined the First 5 Advisory Board Meeting. Help Me Grow Initiative was presented which targets children before kindergarten age. They are in partnership with ALPHA Resource.

Christian also attended the CA Apprentice Initiative. Katie Mervin is working on this. They are working with community colleges and utilizes Prop 98 dollars to help college students and job seekers in the ECE field. SBCEO is working on partnerships and beginning to plan. More information is coming soon.

ARPA American Rescue Plan – ECCI work group continues to develop and plan. We joined Goleta City Council on Jan 5th and gave public comment.

Early Education Teacher Development Grant – This is a grant has \$100 million to help Pre-K classes. They work only with LEAs. However, LEAs are allowed to partner with non-LEA organizations.



VIII. Public Policy Review

AB22 – Transitional Kindergarten Enrollment Funding & Workshops

AB92 – Child Care Fee Relief Bill addresses existing laws for family fees. This bill reduces fees for families from 10% of family income to 1%. The bill also prohibits the reduction in family fees from being absorbed by direct service contractors or family childcare providers and prohibits the number of childcare vouchers and contracted spaces from being reduced.

AB321 – Amends the Education, Welfare & Institutions Code. Children with exceptional needs will be served first. If necessary, children with English as a second language will be served second.

ACR-112 – Declared January 2022 as Positive Parenting Awareness Month.

Discussion/Question. Do we have any sense when items will be voted on for approval?

IX. Other Business/Announcements

Jacqui – CRR will receive COVID test kits to distribute to families in childcare. In the next week, we should be receiving the quantity and delivery date. Just as with PPE distributions, we will set a date and have sites register on Eventbrite. Information will be shared once received.

Sharol – First 5 received and reviewed the first Innovation, Capacity Building and Express grant applications. They will present them to the Commission this month. They will be offering a second round with a due date for the Innovation & Capacity Building grants of February 15th and Express grants will be ongoing.

X. Picture of P-3 – PowerPoint in official records.

PowerPoint presentation by Janelle Willis on UPK. Information will be shared with Council by Janelle. Do not use it without proper approval. The information shared here was presented at the Curriculum & Instructions meeting. The state released this on December 24th.

Discussion items included:

- No decisions have been made for transportation provision rules for extended care if at another location. Details are being worked out.
- Unduplicated Counts Project was discussed. Unduplicated Counts refers to each pupil only being counted once, even if a pupil meets more than one criteria.
- Expanded Learning Funding streams were discussed.
- CCLC Program = 21st Century Community Learning Centers. Supports the creation of community learning. This covers areas of support, focus and planning. You will have to provide a plan.
- U.S. Department of Education website <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/21stcclc/index.html>
- The planning phase is coming out now. SISC is supplying an assessment tool. It has not been shared publicly yet and should be coming out within the next few weeks. Janelle will share it when it is complete.
- Every district is receiving planning grant funds.
- Initial plans need to be submitted to the school board by June 30th. Plans need to be presented to the board prior to going to the state. There is a plan template. This program is in the initial planning phase.
- Discussion. Additional guidance will be coming. We will share as we receive information.
- Portables can be used but facility grant money cannot be used to purchase a portable. Some LEAs are renting space from other people already.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair, Jacqui Banta, at 10:10am.