



Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council
Minutes October 13, 2021 – 9:00am-11:00am
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Members Present: Jacqui Banta, Flo Furuike, Shelley Grand, Supervisor Gregg Hart, Holly Harvan, Beth Hassenplug, Eileen Monahan, Annette Muse, Daisy Ochoa, Robin Palmerston, Tressa Saviers, Raquel Valdez, Serineh Vartani, Sharol Viker, Susan Walsh, Ralph Ybarra

Members Excused: Donna B. Fisher, Michelle Graham, Lorraine Neenan, Nancy Saengjaeng, Janelle Willis

Members Absent: Jennifer Bergquist, Artesia Carlon,

Alternates Present: Bridget Baublits, Michelle Robertson

Guests Present: Ethan Bertrand (SBC Board of Supervisors), Adriana Hernandez (Community Care Licensing), Caley Mark, Maria Mueller (Community Care Licensing), Chris Sears (Lakeshore Learning), Maggie Suarez (Allan Hancock College), Kaleigh Williams (Kinderkirk Preschool-Carpinteria), Katie Mervin (SBCEO)

Staff Present: Taundra Pitchford, Shelley Trost

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Vice Chair, Jacqui Banta, called the meeting to order at 9:08am. Introductions.

II. Public Comment Period

Daisy Ochoa, SBUSD has relaunched the kindergarten readiness program. An invitation to join was extended and the link shared <https://forms.gle/rrK6BU9FHcDAB8RY6>.

III. Approval of Minutes of September 8, 2021

Eileen asked one sentence be removed from Facilities Committee. The Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 8, 2021, by Flo Furuike with one correction. Susan Walsh seconded the motion. **MSC.**

IV. ICCPC Grant Updates

A. Local Planning Council Grant

The same amount has been allocated as last year. CCCCA held their meeting last month. There was discussion about allocating more funding for LPCs.

B. Santa Barbara Foundation's ECE Leadership Grant

Our application has been submitted and is currently under review.

C. Workforce Pathways Grant

Stipend applications are starting to come in. The application deadline is October 31st. Coaches are working with applicants to help them complete their Professional Growth Plans.

a. Supplemental First 5 Dual Language Learner Grant

With funding from First 5SB we were able to offer two five-part DLL training series in both English and Spanish. The series will run from September through November.

b. Recruitment efforts

Dr. Carola Olson is working with Sarah Neville Morgan on another DLL training.

V. Overview of Funding Available for Early Care & Education presented by Michelle Robertson

See handout in official record. Topics discussed included the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA). The state childcare budget and funding was also reviewed. Discussion.



VI. Brown Act (AB361)

Review Brown Act Virtual Meeting Requirements

AB361 – Addresses the Brown Act current requirements, notification of meetings and other protocols. The governor’s Executive Order during COVID stating meetings could be virtual expired in September. Elected officials are now required to meet in person. Council members are not elected officials. If we would like to continue our meetings virtually, we need to decide 30-days before the next meeting date.

If we make the decision every 30-days for the upcoming meeting, we hold the meeting exactly as we are doing by posting the agenda and Zoom link on the CCPC webpage. If we vote today for November 10th, we are within the 30-day perimeter. There will be no meeting in December. We will vote for January’s meeting in November.

If we decide to meet in person at any point, then we will be required to post the address for the general public. Tandra to confirm with SBCEO’s legal counsel to confirm we are following the exact current Brown Act protocol. Any additional legal information received will be shared with Council.

Proposal to make the November Council meeting 100% virtual made by Susan Walsh. Flo Furuike seconded the motion. Agreement was reached to meet virtual November 10, 2021.

VII. Membership Updates and Outreach

Motion to accept proposed 2021-22 membership composition by Eileen Monahan. Jacqui Banta seconded the motion. MSC.

VIII. Committee Updates

Needs Assessment/Strategic Plan Ad Hoc – Flo Furuike

Flo will remain on the committee but no longer as co-chair. Lorraine agreed to co-chair with Jennifer Bergquist. An Activity Plan has been started and they hope to meet soon to finalize a plan.

COAT- Communications, Outreach, Advocacy Team – Robin Palmerston

COAT is working on the Activity Plan for the year. The focus this year will be on distributing the Call-To-Action brochure to the community receiving. Three new people have been invited to join the committee, Kaleigh Williams, Caley Mark, and Lisa Chenowith.

Facilities – Eileen Monahan

We focus on tracking facilities for new sites as well as closures. We also track data, legislation, and how the Universal Plan might affect the committee. We also looked at the land use and permitting process for this year. Ethan Bertrand was invited to join our committee to help navigate and amend land use policies. October 26th is the next meeting date.

ICCAT - Inclusive Child Care Action Team – Jacqui Banta

We are meeting every 3rd Thursday from 2-3pm. If you would like to be a part of ICCAT, please email Jacqui. We work with Inclusion in the community.

WALDO – Tandra Pitchford. We examine workforce and leadership development

opportunities. We are currently looking for a chair for WALDO. Three areas of focus include developing a countywide substitute list, leadership recruitment, and preparing a work force for universal preschool.

Mari Estrada presented introductions to the Child Development Permit and Professional Growth Advisor process in September. We now have a PGA master list posted on the LPC and QC websites.



IX. Other County-wide Initiatives

A. IEEEP – Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program – Holly Harvan

We launched a six series training called Inclusion Works this year. Trainings are in full motion. We also launched a six session Teaching Pyramid Going Deeper series. We have been recognized by the state and asked to do a 45-minute presentation in January at their state leadership team meeting. We are being innovative and our collaboration with licensing has peaked people's interest. We want to make sure that sites are in compliance with state licensing. We are very excited we are being noticed at the state level. We continue working on a lot of great things.

A. Quality Counts update

Katie Mervin, SBCEO's new Quality Counts Manager, was introduced.

X. Coordinators Report: See official Coordinator's Report on record

Overall updates included – Air quality is a challenge with the recent smoke from the fires. Staffing shortages continue to be a problem. Teachers are fatigued. CSPPs have reduced enrollment. We've lost a couple of centers to shut down. We believe others will open in their place. Expanding continues to be desirable. Universal TK begins in 2023. We have expanded subsidized childcare spots. We need the workforce to increase. How do we support private early learning programs to stay strong during the Universal TK roll out? Will we have enough facilities for the expansion of TK?

XI. Public Policy Review

Handout in packet. Taundra discussed what was on the governor's desk recently.

- AB865 was vetoed by the governor.
- AB1363 passed. Governor has completed his signing and vetoing.
- AB865 DLL has data collection, interviews with families and intentionality with them.
- AB393 passed.
- SB50 on governor's desk for signing. A few bills went to two years due to funding issues.

XII. Other Business/Announcements

Sharol Viker – First 5 is in the process of creating a few new grants. They include:

Innovation Grant – \$1,500 grant for people who are innovating to do new things.

Capacity Building Grants – \$2,500 for those focused on training, certification and conferences relating to social justice & equity.

Express Grant – something that is urgently needed by programs or organizations to help them continue with their work. \$10,000 each.

Emergency Grants – investing in something that is considered an emergency.

Please join in the upcoming First 5 Commission meeting to learn more.

Eileen Monahan – discussed the ARPA funds. The Board of Supervisors is starting to make decisions next Tuesday, Oct 19th. Please let your voice be heard by letter, email, or public comment. Your stories are valuable.

Susan Walsh – We have an upcoming CPIN Visual & Performing Arts Overview training on November 13th from 9-12pm. This training will be held in person.

Taundra Pitchford - We will reach out to new members for an Orientation very soon.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair, Jacqui Banta, at 10:44am.