



Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council
Minutes November 10, 2021 – 9:00am-11:00am
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Members Present: Jacqui Banta, Jennifer Bergquist, Artesia Carlon, Flo Furuike, Shelley Grand, Holly Harvan, Beth Hassenplug, Eileen Monahan, Annette Muse, Lorraine Neenan (10am), Robin Palmerston, Nancy Saengjaeng, Tressa Saviers, Raquel Valdez, Serineh Vartani, Sharol Viker, Susan Walsh, Janelle Willis, Ralph Ybarra

Members Excused: Donna B. Fisher, Michelle Graham, Daisy Ochoa,

Members Absent: Supervisor Gregg Hart

Alternates Present: Maggie Flores

Guests Present: Ethan Bertrand (SBC Board of Supervisors), Winkie Cooper (SBCC), Katie Mervin (SBCEO), Mari Riojas-Cortez (CSUCI), Thesa Roepke (Allan Hancock College), Erika Ronchietto (Learningden), Chris Sears (Lakeshore Learning), Maggie Suarez (Allan Hancock College), Monica Thorpe (SBCEO), Ana Tolentino (Community Care Licensing),

Staff Present: Taundra Pitchford, Shelley Trost

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 October 13, 2021

The Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 13, 2021, by Susan Walsh. Flo Furuike seconded the motion. **MSC.**

IV. Overview of Workforce Pipeline

Thesa Roepke – Allan Hancock College

Introduction. Presentation PowerPoint. Thesa discussed enrolling new students and recruitment. Recruitment is connecting to high schools. Many students have worked remotely. The COVID environment has been challenging. AHC has two programs for high school students to earn college credits. College Now students offers college courses online and Concurrent Enrollment offers classes on high school campuses. AHC is also exploring offering teachers the option to take college courses online. This is geared towards ECS100 & ECS101. Outreach can be done through job fairs. Bulldog Bow Wow can showcase programs. Hancock Hello is for new students & high school students. Multiple sequence plans were discussed. www.hancockcollege.edu/pathways/

There is a noncredit program also to help with basic skill development. Future Teachers Club currently has 35 members. AHC has a two-year program.

Winkie Cooper – Santa Barbara City College

Full-time faculty has returned to campus. City College has a Promise Program for high school students. We offer dual enrollment where high school students can take college courses (ECE102). Many will end up taking ECE as their major. Many take ECE courses for other pathways. Pathways are on the website. <https://www.sbcc.edu/> Some classes can be taken online and some in person. Our lab school has been open during the entire pandemic. Mentoring is necessary.



Katie Mervin – Cuesta College/SBCEO Quality Counts Manager

Katie discussed supporting the workforce with an emphasis on finding the balance of support. The CA Apprenticeship Program was discussed, and we are looking forward to bringing it into Santa Barbara County. They have been working with high schools in San Luis County and looking forward to working in Santa Barbara County. Cuesta College is similar in the pathways it offers. All community college classes are available to all students. We have many resources at our fingertips, and we can connect resources with students. CCC-ECE Community College is for Early Care Educators <https://ccece.net>. This is a group of early childhood educators that have seats at a lot of different tables to make things happen. Search California Community College course - for those hard-to-find classes: <https://cvc.edu>

Monica Thorpe – Workforce Pathways Professional Growth Advisor

Monica discussed the coaches hands-on work with teaching staff and sites. Helping others complete their Workforce Pathways applications, working as a Professional Growth Advisor, and helping others become PGAs was an emphasis in October. The Professional Growth Plan is mandatory to apply for Workforce Pathways stipend and part of the application packet. We meet people where they are at. Discussing a person's goals is new to many applicants. We help people walk through setting up a profile on Workforce Registry, register for training classes, show them how Zoom links work and more. We also teach them about CECO. I believe it is important to know how to be connected and to share that with our work force. SBCEO credentialing contacts are: Wendy Garcia wgarcia@sbceo.org and Tom Heiduk theiduk@sbceo.org.

Mari Riojas-Cortez – Cal State University Channel Islands

CSUCI is seeking NAEYC accreditation for the program. There are new faculty on board. We want to link people to Cal State University Channel Islands. New Provost allows us to share what the university offers with the community. We are hoping to add an online modality to our courses. We are looking into online changes. We also have in person classes to create a balanced approach in ECE. We can offer the classes in Santa Barbara if there is an interest. Roadmap was shared. We would like a balance of online courses with face-to-face courses. Applicants need to apply now for the BA program for next fall 2022. Applicants apply directly with CSUCI. CCPC will send out an eblast and help gather names for this program.

V. **Brown Act Review – Virtual Requirements**

The Brown Act is put into place for organizations, agencies, and government groups for the purpose of the public being able to attend to input comment. AB361 was passed in October which amends the code and allows us to continue to meet remotely. The conditions are:

1. Is there still a proclaimed state of emergency?
2. Do state officials recommend health safety in social distancing?

This body can continue to meet remotely. We will have to hold a special meeting every 30 days or less and determine if we want to stay remote or meet in-person. Meeting addresses must be publicly posted if we meet in person. With our current meeting being November 10th, we will have to meet by December 10th to vote even though there is no December meeting. We will have to meet in January for the January 12 meeting. This will be a 15-minute Zoom call to take role and vote. Discussion to remain virtual. If we decide to go face-to-face at Cachuma then we do what we did pre-COVID. Post the address on the website. If we remain remote, then a vote is brought to this body and that it is publicly posted.



With no meeting in December we will vote now for January and then meet again in December.

Motion to meet again on December 9th at 8:45am to decide whether the January 12th meeting should remain virtual.

A motion to approve meeting again before January 12th (within the 30-day window) to vote on the January 12th meeting remaining virtual or in person was moved by Lorraine Neenan. Janelle Willis seconded the motion. **MSC.**

VI. Child Care Planning Council Grant Updates

a. Local Planning Council Grant

Steady spending this year. Without the extra costs for room rental or data fees we will need to reallocate funds on what we would like to see in the coming days. Share your ideas with us.

b. Santa Barbara Foundation's ECE Leadership Grant

Implementation of this grant is paused until the next WALDO meeting.

c. Workforce Pathways Grant

We are busy processing stage one of the stipend applications. Coaches were busy working as Professional Growth Advisors helping applicants create goals. The Workforce Pathways grant is helping with staff alignment.

Supplemental First 5 Dual Language Learner Grant

- Dr. Carola Olson is working with Sarah Neville Morgan on another Dual Language Learner training series.
- The DLL Pathway – First 5 is supporting those in the DLL pathway. DLL Poll has one more training and our 5-training series is complete in both English and Spanish.

VII. Coordinators Report

We have been working on ARPA funds and where to go from here as a community.

Ethan shared that the Board of Supervisors wants to support the ECE sector. This is an important need to support families. We are looking forward to supporting our sector.

Beth shared how thankful she was that Supervisor Hartman visited their site (1st Presbyterian)

Tandra is looking at ECE and Universal TK. She is also looking at P-3.

Suggestion was made to talk more about this and what funding streams will be coming through. The state is starting to share some information. We need to network and make connections. Possibly create a one-pager to share leads was discussed. Sharol Viker has a list.

Tandra announced she will be stepping down after two years in her position. She is returning to work with families and children. She will work and support SBCEO. Her official last day is November 30, 2021. Two ECE managers start December 1st. Katie Mervin will lead Quality Counts and Christian Patterson will lead LPC.

VIII. Committee Updates

Needs Assessment/Strategic Plan Ad Hoc – Jennifer Bergquist shared that the Strategic Planning Ad Hoc will be meeting soon.

COAT- Communications, Outreach, Advocacy Team – Robin Palmerston

COAT met and discussed ARPA funds and how we can support our team and other committees. We want to connect with others. If you have any ideas how this can happen, please let us know.



Facilities – Eileen Monahan/Erika Ronchietto - Facilities met with Ethan Bertrand at Board of Supervisors to discuss how to help people in the Goleta area to navigate the system and use it as a model for other sites and counties. There is an assigned childcare person to the county now to answer questions and help. Eileen and Erika met with a real estate developer to discuss how to incorporate childcare into the facilities. They helped us look at properties in another way. We will help support needs for changes in the childcare world. We will continue to follow legislation. Ethan shared that the Board of Supervisors approved a long-range work program plan to improve land use and implement what Goleta accomplished concerning childcare.

Janelle – Districts are looking into the facilities piece and what that means for P-3 and Universal-TK.

ICCAT - Inclusive Child Care Action Team – Jacqui Banta - No update today. ICCAT will be meeting next week.

WALDO – Taundra Pitchford - Expansion goes together with workforce sustainability. Christian will take the lead on this when he starts December 1st.

IX. Public Policy Review

Implementation to fully roll out the Universal-TK plan by 2025-26. Taundra will share document.

X. Other Business/Announcements

Janelle - Taundra will not be disappearing. We have a fully detailed plan of how to add Katie and Christian to the office. We trust everyone will support them.

Lorraine – We are losing our lease at the Carpinteria site in June. We'll be searching for a facility to help 66 low-income families & children. CUSD owns the facility and we'll be moving so they can use their classrooms for TK. CCPC is welcome to the meeting with CUSD to support CommUnify.

Sharol – F5 has capacity building grants. The deadline is coming up quick. We can provide information if you are interested.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair, Jacqui Banta, at 10:45am.