



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

Attendance: Members Present: Jacqui Banta, Jennifer Bergquist, Artesia Carlon, Shelley Grand, Holly Harvan, Beth Hassenplug, Eileen Monahan, Lorraine Neenan, Robin Palmerston, Nancy Saengjaeng, Tressa Saviers, Raquel Valdez, Serineh Vartani, Sharol Viker, Susan Walsh, Janelle Willis,

Members Excused: Donna B. Fisher, Flo Furuike, Michelle Graham, Annette Muse, Daisy Ochoa, Ralph Ybarra

Members Absent: Supervisor Gregg Hart,

Alternates Present: Bridget Baublits, Maggie Flores, Marina Nolte

Guests Present: Rebecca Arreola (SBCEO) Ethan Bertrand (BOS) Katie Mervin (SBCEO), George Mingle (Licensing), Maria Mueller (Licensing), Maggie Suarez (AHC), Monica Thorpe (SBCEO), Ana Tolentino (Licensing), Melynda Velasquez (SBCEO)

Staff Present: Christian Patterson, Shelley Trost

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Vice Chair, Jacqui Banta, called the meeting to order at 9:03am. Introductions.

II. Public Comment Period

None.

III. Approval of Minutes of February 9, 2022

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 9, 2022, by Janelle Willis. Robin Palmerston seconded the motion. No nays. No abstains. **MSC.**

IV. Child Care Planning Council Grant Updates

a. Local Planning Council Grant

We are collecting total teacher count for Teacher’s Appreciation Week. Journals will be ordered in March and distributed in the end of April. LPC was also able to assist in offsetting costs for the PPE distribution that Children’s Resource & Referral held on February 19th.

b. Santa Barbara Foundation’s ECE Leadership Grant

Our full day leadership training is being held on April 2nd at the Hotel Corque.

c. Workforce Pathways Grant

With denial letters sent out for incomplete packets or not employed long enough to fulfill requirements, we now have 146 completed application packets. Stipends to be paid in May/June.

Supplemental First 5 SB Dual Language Learner Grant

The balance of this grant \$18,161 will be paid in stipends in May/June along with the other stipends.

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.

Because we are more than 30 days out for our next regularly scheduled meeting on April 13th, we will hold a special meeting on April 8th at 8:30am to decide if we will meet in person or remain virtual. Thirteen people said they were available for quorum for the special meeting.

VI. Committee Updates

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

Lorraine – We met yesterday and discussed several things needed in our ECE community which includes advocacy, data collection, emergency response, increased wages, diversity, equity & inclusion, putting systems into place to support the profession, school bonds, and putting early childhood initiatives on the ballots. We also discussed a plan to distribute the Call-to-Action brochure.

COAT- Communications, Outreach, Advocacy Team – Robin Palmerston

We are currently focused on putting together the Proclamation for the Week of the Young Child. With this proclamation, we will be representing the professionals that serve the young children. Our team would like to invite CRR to come and discuss how we can get the Alternative Payment Program out to the public. We are looking forward to CCPC putting together a conversation sheet to share with the community and receive support from them. Providers are needed for alternative payment programs. There is a shortage of available spaces in our county.

Facilities – Beth Hassenplug

Our committee focuses on helping to create more childcare spaces and helps support childcare facilities. We identify funding sources and help secure those funds. We are prepared to help childcares apply for the CDSS Infrastructure grant. There are two Zoom sessions this week, March 8th and 10th from 6-8pm, to help providers understand how to apply for this grant. If you are considering writing a grant for facilities, please join us.

Robin attended a housing development meeting and made some connections. Corina Venegas from the County Land Use Planning Department oversees rewriting childcare support plans.

ICCAT - Inclusive Child Care Action Team – Jacqui Banta

We are very excited to announce that ICCAT was asked to hold a seat on the county task force.

WALDO – Christian Patterson

WALDO met and discussed the upcoming job fair in partnership with Children's Resource & Referral and Allan Hancock College. We discussed important topics and the greater need for partnership with other agencies. We are working toward a greater partnership with SB City College. We also discussed how to become involved with the apprenticeship program.

VII. Coordinators Report

- The Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) is working on a campaign entitled what makes my family strong. They will focus on cultural context and what families are already doing. The campaign should be out very shortly.

