



Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council
Minutes April 14, 2021 – 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Members Present: Jacqui Banta, Florene Bednersh, Jennifer Bergquist, Theresa Embry, Donna B. Fisher, Flo Furuike, Michelle Graham, Shelley Grand, Holly Harvan, LuAnn Miller, Eileen Monahan, Lorraine Neenan, Daisy Ochoa, Nancy Saengjaeng, Raquel Valdez, Susan Walsh, Janelle Willis

Members Excused: Sharol Viker, Ralph Ybarra

Members Absent: Artesia Carlon, Susan Cass, Supervisor Gregg Hart, Annette Muse,

Alternates Present: None

Guests Present: Holly Goldberg (Consultant Presenter), Adriana Hernandez (Community Care Licensing), George Mingle (Dept of Social Services), Robin Palmerston (Children’s House Montessori), Ciara Main (Seeds Family Child Care)

Staff Present: Taundra Pitchford, Shelley Trost

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Chair, Lorraine Neenan, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

II. Public Comment Period

None.

III. Approval of Minutes of March 10, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 10, 2021, by Susan Walsh. Florene Bednersh seconded the motion. **MSC.**

IV. Steering Committee Report Review of March 24, 2021. See minutes in official records.

Lorraine Neenan reported updates from the February Steering Committee meeting. Highlights included: grant updates, vaccine updates, the April Child Abuse Prevention Month, Director’s Collaborative newspaper article which mentions Taundra Pitchford and the work she was a part of during COVID, Coordinator’s report, schools moving to in-person classes. We also discussed presenting the final Needs Assessment to Council in April or May, teacher recognition in May, and the SB Foundation donation of \$1,000 to help those applying for their permits for the first time.

V. CCPC Grant Updates - We are monitoring and on track with all three grants.

- LPC – The LPC grant covers Taundra & Shelley’s position and a lot of what we do to represent the ECE field countywide. The LPC grant will also cover printing expenses for the Call-to-Action brochure, the Needs Assessment and Holly Goldberg’s data collection work for Needs Asmt.
- SB Foundation – Our Leading with Intention series, and several other leadership trainings have been a success. We had an incredible training on Implicit Biased with Dr. Bryant T. Marks. Taundra will share PowerPoint slides with Council. We received \$25,000 and we are hoping to receive the same amount in the next fiscal year. WALDO is working on the plan for next year.
- Workforce Pathways Grant – Replaced AB212 and has a little bit wider reach. We will get the same or more funding next year and do not have to reapply. If you have employees that have applied, please remind them to submit their needed documents. We are offering a two-part series on Dual Language Learning in May with Dr. Riojas Cortez from Cal State University Channel Islands.



VI. **Discuss Membership Terms**

Membership recommendations were discussed. All who had terms up in June 2021 have replied with their desire to renew or not. Membership Agreements and In-Kind letters will be sent out prior to the September retreat.

VII. **Coordinator's Report – See report in official records.** Highlights included:

- Update discussion on the Santa Barbara Foundation and Children's Resource & Referral's PPE supplies distribution. The distribution date is set for May 15th. We have 218 centers registered. We are closing registration on May 2nd. We received gloves, disinfecting wipes, and some thermometers. They also included free hand sanitizer.
- Child Development Permit process and identifying Professional Growth Advisors - not discussed.
- CCPC's participation in Child Abuse Prevention Month
Transitional Youth Services, Health Linkages and Child Care Planning Council distributed posters and pinwheels. We are including a display in South County, North County and in Solvang. Parents are seeing displays as they drop off & pick up their children. We have handout cards that give resources and a phone number if anyone need assistance.
- Proclamation - Advocacy for Early Care & Education
We completed the proclamation and were on the Board of Supervisors agenda sharing the importance of our work. We are asking ourselves, what is next for our county?
Robin Palmerston made a proclamation public comment at the Santa Maria City Council. She also submitted a copy of the proclamation that was worded just for their city. We heard back from the mayor's office. The proclamation was read at the city and county level. If the county has adopted the proclamation, the city does not feel they need to adopt it also.
- Next week is National Teacher Appreciation week and we want to be heard in the county. Jacqui is working on a video that we can share. Please share photos and video clips if you want to be included. We would like to have very short video clips with bigger names. Discussion.
- Projections for summer and fall enrollment
Program Directors are preparing for fall registration. We are looking at Transitional Kindergarten and what that might look like. Parents may not be enrolling their children in the summer camp programs and keep their children where they are. Some sites may not enroll to full capacity.

VIII. **Committee Updates**

ICCAT: Holly Harvan – Updates for the IEEEP grant.

- We finished the Disability is Natural series. Universal Design for Learning is coming up May 5th with author, Pamela Brillante, who is well respected in the NAEYC community. She targets not just children with disabilities but children in poverty and children that speak multiple languages. We are also working on the barriers that need to be addressed with blending licensing, Special Ed (SPED), and General Ed. Licensing will present the regulations. We are also reaching out to our regional office. Want to create a one-page document that would go to the preschool world as well as the SPED world so all will be on the same page regarding regulations. This is a big work, and we are excited about breaking down the barriers and finding solutions to work together.
- We are moving forward with the Teaching Pyramid.
- We are also working on expanding the Workforce Registry and supporting the post COVID environment. Discussion.



Facilities: Eileen Monahan

- We are a support for local facilities development
- We are working with permitting to be more helpful to opening facilities
- Opening and closing with COVID was discussed.
- We are looking for new members. Let us know if you are interested. Jennifer Macdonald will be interested in joining.

COAT: Robin Palmerston

- COAT met twice since our last meeting. One time to work, specifically on the proclamation.
- The Call-to-Action brochure is completed.
- Watch SB50 and SB246. SB246 is the child care stabilization formula. SB50 is in process and we are watching to see if there is actually any need for us to send in support.

Needs Assessment: Flo Furuike

- The Needs Assessment Committee was sent the final draft. This item is on the agenda and will be discussed later in the meeting.

WALDO: Tandra Pitchford

- We are working on identifying Professional Growth Advisors and CCPC will house the master list on our website.
- SB Foundation is allocating \$1,000 to help people get their permit for the first time.
- Our task force has distributed a survey to identify people pursuing permits for the first time. We have had 150 responses to date. We are working on a county wide sub list. We have discussed tracking a teacher list. We are checking in with our legal team to see if this is a viable way to go. More information will be coming at a future date.

IX. Update on Vaccine Distribution

Michelle Graham gave the update - We had over 4,000 people on the lottery list for vaccine distribution. Out of the 4000, approximately 1,200 were vaccinated through the lottery. Many received the vaccines from other sources. We put in a lot of hours on this project. We felt it was a success and we received a lot of positive responses. Public Health gave great accolades to Children's Resource & Referral for their help and liked serving the early education staff.

X. Preview Needs Assessment Draft / Q&A

Holly Goldberg shared the process of collecting the Needs Assessment. She shared a PowerPoint presentation showing the almost completed product. Discussion of the data collected.

We just made some changes and Tandra will share the draft with Council.

It is really great that the Needs Assessment and the Call-to-Action brochure are be completed at the same time.

XI. Legislation Updates: Part of official records:

The Legislation report was sent out yesterday for your review. Highlights included:

AB1294 - CCCCA wants to support the pilot program.

AB1361 prohibits suspension and expulsion from child care programs. When a child is acting out, they are usually trying to avoid something, want something or do not understand what is being asked of them.

SB246 establishes a single reimbursement rate. We have different rates right now, so this will regulate reimbursement.



SB50 Monique Limon's bill entitled Strengthening Learning Opportunities for Toddlers. Tandra has letters of support to share with Robin.

Voluntary Transfer of Funds (VTTR) is coming due between May 1st & May 15th. Contact Tandra if you have extra funds that you would like to share.

We should discuss how we used to represent our voice being heard in legislation in the past.

XII. Other Business/Announcements

Susan – CPIN Earth Science training is taking place this Saturday.

Florene – The Bridges to Resilience Conference will take place in June. Registration will open up the second week in May.

Janelle – Alternate Payment Programs is sending out the stipends once received to all that were serving children in November. Providers will receive \$525 per child whether virtual or in-person. Providers that have APP children will also receive funds for CCTR and CSPP.

Daisy – This fall SBUSD Elementary school will be going live. We are holding an open house event this Saturday. Will share the flyer out to Council.

Tandra – Some camps are getting ready to open so we are going to help support them. We are networking several ECE Directors that have been open with those just now opening.

Lorraine – CommUnify is closing two centers. Los Ninos in downtown Santa Barbara is closing in August displacing 20 children. We are looking for placement centers.

In Santa Maria, Buena Vista is losing their property. We are looking for placement spaces for 54 preschool children. We will be closing Buena Vista as soon as possible. Discussion.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.