



**Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council
Minutes February 10, 2021 – 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Virtual Zoom Meeting**

Attendance: Members Present: Jacqui Banta, Florene Bednersh, Jennifer Bergquist, Artesia Carlon, Theresa Embry, Donna B. Fisher, Flo Furuike, Michelle Graham, Shelley Grand, Holly Harvan, LuAnn Miller, Annette Muse, Lorraine Neenan, Daisy Ochoa, Nancy Saengjaeng, Raquel Valdez, Sharol Viker, Susan Walsh, Janelle Willis, Ralph Ybarra

Members Excused: Susan Cass, Supervisor Gregg Hart,

Members Absent: Eileen Monahan,

Alternates Present: Ethan Bertrand, Bob Nelson, Marina Nolte

Guests Present: Tali Ben Ami (WestEd), Barb Finch (ACEs), Beth Hassenplug (1st Presbyterian), Chris Sears (Lakeshore Learning), Maria Suarez (Allan Hancock College),

Staff Present: Taundra Pitchford, Shelley Trost

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Chair, Lorraine Neenan, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Public Comment Period

None.

III. Approval of Minutes of January 13, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2021, by Jacqui Banta. Susan Walsh seconded the motion. **MSC.**

IV. Approval of Internal Plan

Motion to approve the Internal Plan by Michelle Graham. Jacqui Banta seconded the motion. **MSC.**

V. CCPC Grant Updates

- **SB Foundation Grant** – We are financially on target with this grant. Leading with Intention is a 3-part training series starting on February 25th. We may have some funding left over to purchase training materials for the leadership series training.
- **LPC Grant** – We are financially on target with this grant also. Holly Goldberg will be coming on board to work more hours and assist the LPC on a more consistent basis.
- **Workforce Pathways Grant** – Stipend program application back-up paperwork is starting to trickle in. PITS helped create two cohorts and attendees received academic units for attending. This goes toward the education stipend. The Spanish speaking PITS cohort is continuing. Karina Acosta from CRR will help with the Spanish cohort. Monica Thorpe has been helping applicants as a Professional Advisor for those that did not have an advisor. This is a requirement for all applicants. We are expanding our reach and becoming much more inclusive. F5SB contributed funds for the Dual Language Learners aspect of this stipend. We are currently looking at dates for our DLL trainings.

VI. Steering Committee Report Review of January 27th. See minutes in official records.

The Internal Plan was reviewed, and a decision was made to go forward for approval by Council. We Discussed the countywide need for the COVID vaccine and how to help facilitate that for regional teachers. We discussed the Director's Collaboration and the site needs, grant updates, policy



reviews and Governor Newsom's Master Plan. We also discussed the Needs Assessment and planned the upcoming Council meetings.

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

- CRR explored several ideas to help support our ECEs during COVID. Sites are struggling financially. We will help link program leaders to funding sources for basic needs and larger needs. Discussion.
- The Directors Collaborative has gained some momentum during the COVID crisis. We really need to be seen and heard as essential workers. ECE has been serving families & children the entire duration of COVID. There seems to be many inconsistencies with people gaining access to the vaccine without being on the appropriate tiers to receive.
- All superintendents sent letters to Governor Newsom regarding the COVID vaccine priority towards ECE. Priority is starting to sway a little bit and we want to make sure the focus is not taken away from child care and early educators.
- The vaccine supply is low right now and the doses are coming in slowly. We are receiving our fair share per capita for our county.
- There is a Town Hall meeting on Thursday, February 11th.
- Directors sent out postcards to government officials. Discussed COAT taking the lead on creating a letter from Local Planning Council. Taundra will share the letter with Council.
- You can register for the vaccine at <https://myturn.ca.gov/>. The website is not yet active for Santa Barbara County.
- We are expanding our focus on TK-12 to help with reopening.
- We held a one-hour introduction to the Child Development Permit process and becoming a Professional Growth Advisor. We had 94 attend the meeting. LPC office will share the link to the recording with Council.
- ACEs is being focused on right now. Barbara Finch is our guest speaker today and will share more.
- Donna will share the link for volunteering at Cottage Hospital for vaccination traffic control and greeting.

VIII. Committee Updates

- **COAT: Theresa Embry** COAT is still in need of a new Chairperson. If interested, please speak with Taundra. Jennifer has offered to help with the training of the new chair. The Call-to-Action brochure is ready. COAT needs to review one last time before presenting it to Council.
- **ICCAT: Jacqui Banta & Holly Harvan** ICCAT has not met since the last Council meeting. Holly Harvan gave an update on what is on the calendar, including the two-part Disability is Natural training series with author, Kathie Snow, which started on February 2nd. Attendance was nearly 100 people. The survey brought in 80 responses. A second author, Pam Brillante, is presenting in May covering Universal Design for Learning. We have had access to many Inclusive Practices professionals this year. We are up to seven programs seeking support for Inclusive Practices. We are working on collaborating General Ed with Special Ed so that it is not one-sided. ALPHA Resource Center is one vital connection. We are working on aligning with the TK-12 system. Some participating in the trainings are TK teachers as well.
- **Facilities: Michelle Graham** We are tracking parts of the facilities world and will be meeting soon. We would love to have anybody join that is interested.



- **Needs Assessment/Strategic Plan: Flo Furuike & Jennifer Bergquist** We met on January 25th and went over the first draft of the Needs Assessment giving feedback by January 29th. The draft will be presented to the Council for input before we go to print.
- **WALDO: Sharol Viker** We are meeting directly after Council meeting each month. We have a continuous standard plan we are following. Leadership was discussed. We will visit Workforce Pathways applications today. Mentor/teachers will also be discussed today. If you would like to join us, we are also going to be looking at the governor's Master Plan and seeing where we fit in.

IX. Adverse Childhood Experiences & the Trauma Toolkit – Presenter, Barb Finch PowerPoint is part of official records.

- In Barb's presentation she discussed ACEs Aware Leadership Program, initiative, and mission.
- COVID & stress add to the lives already impacted by ACEs episodes. It has been discovered that those that have had trauma four times or more in a lifetime are susceptible to sickness, disease, and effects behavior at every level.
- ACEs is building a Trauma Toolkit. Caring for ourselves, teams, children, families, and community. A diagram was shared of seven strategies for mitigating toxic stress.
- Tune into self-care. Proactive measures are needed. What is the role of ECE Providers?
- The virtual Bridges to Resilience conference is on June 9th.
- Questions/Answers and open discussion. Resources will be shared with Council.

X. Legislation Updates: Part of official records:

- Update given on current Assembly Bills.
- Highlighted: Universal TK discussion. How will it look and how will it affect our programs? How will it look for Universal to go out through Pre-K schools rather than K-12? Legislative information will be shared.
- CSEFEL training was discussed showcasing Vermont and Pennsylvania. VT has Universal Preschool initiative with 0-3rd grade within their schools as well. Recording will be shared with Council. VT & PA want to help states press in with the Teaching Pyramid Initiative. This was on the school district side. It was a 14-year process for them to get where they are. They will help others get on board with this program. They are ahead of the curve so we should tap into their strategies and resources.
- Statistic: We have 5% of the world's population in the US. We have 25% of the total incarcerated population. We need to build a better system here.

XI. Other Business/Announcements

Janelle – Since Florene's retirement, Child Development is taking on the CSEFEL component. Holly Harvan will be the lead for this. We are actively building for Infant Toddler as well as Preschool development.

Sharol – items are now coming out for the Census. Information will be forthcoming for the strategy for 0–5-year-olds being covered.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.