



Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council
Minutes January 13, 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, Shelley Grand, Supervisor Gregg Hart, Holly Harvan, LuAnn Miller, Eileen Monahan, Annette Muse, Lorraine Neenan, Daisy Ochoa, Nancy Saengjaeng, Raquel Valdez, Sharol Viker, Susan Walsh, Ralph Ybarra

Members Excused: Susan Cass, Michelle Graham

Members Absent: Artesia Carlon, Janelle Willis

Alternates Present: Jennifer Macdonald

Guests Present: Melynda Velasquez (SBCEO), Chris Sears (Lakeshore Learning)

Staff Present: Tandra Pitchford, Shelley Trost

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Vice Chair, Jacqui Banta, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

II. Public Comment Period

Chris Sears from Lakeshore Learning announced the new Lakeshore catalog is out.

III. Approval of Minutes of October 14, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 14, 2020 by Flo Furuike. Donna B. Fisher seconded the motion. **MSC.**

IV. CCPC Grant Updates

LPC Grant – There is some freed-up money that was originally budgeted for in-person meetings and travel. We hope to shift that to Holly Goldberg for the Needs Assessment. It has been wonderful to have the support with data collection on the Needs Assessment.

SB Foundation Grant – We expected to have a decrease in the amount originally applied for on this grant. We were told to expect \$15,000 rather than \$25,000. The Foundation ended up giving us the full amount applied for and we received the \$25,000.

Workforce Pathways Grant – The stipend application deadline was December 31st. We have received approximately 90-100 applications. The Professional Development Plan required was good for intentional focus for applicants. Monica Thorpe is the SBCEO Advisor that is being connected with those that do not have an Advisor. There is a special PITC cohort out of Cal State Fresno. The grant sunsets on June 30th. First 5 Santa Barbara is helping financially with DLL pathways stipends.

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

- The Internal Action Plan was discussed. See handout. The CCPC Roster was signed and submitted to the state in December.
- The Internal plan for 2021 needs one more review by the Steering Committee. Then we will add it to the February CCPC meeting for a vote of approval.



- There is a status change on what WALDO was working on. We will remove the study from our Action Plan and work with an updated Action Plan.
- The County Needs were discussed. Most are working with a deficit. Many sites are struggling with staffing shortages. We would like to create a sub-list that we can share to get the needs out to the community. Teachers are fatigued.
- Reflective Practices – We have scheduled CALM to conduct Trauma & Stress Training throughout the year. These will be once a month through December 2021.
- We have had some really informative meetings with Public Health. Dr. Dodds and Susan Klein-Rothschild will be presenting today.
- We have been a strong support for the child care reopening processes.
- The Directors Coordinator’s meetings continue. Our last one was held Monday, January 8th.
- LPC coordinators did a survey. We are creating a white paper. The focus is on equity.
- Wendy from First 5 SB – will share today.

VI. Steering Committee Report

Lorraine Neenan reviewed the Steering Committee meeting minutes from December 15, 2020. Minutes are in the official record. Highlights included low DRDP scores and how important it is that staff are taking care of themselves, mentally, emotionally, and physically.

VII. Committee Updates

COAT: Theresa Embry

The Call-to-Action brochure will be sent out and finalized prior to the next Council meeting. Be prepared to review and vote for approval. Distribution was discussed – first electronically. Once the pandemic has subsided, we will circulate it in-person. We may want to reach out to the college ECE and Social Sciences classes with the needs. These are our future leaders.

ICCAT: Jacqui Banta & Holly Harvan

Holly shared regarding the movement of the Inclusion Initiative. Melynda Velasquez is a new addition to the SBCEO Inclusive Practices team. She will be a coach and supporting programs. She is also being trained in Teaching Pyramid. Melynda is a Spanish speaker and can support the Spanish speaking community. CoP of Leaders and Teachers are having some really good guest speakers. There is a lot of interest in Inclusive Practices. In February we are holding a training called Disability is Natural with author Kathie Snow. We are also sending out survey to see what people are interested in. We are working on cross walking all the different agencies, ALPHA, SELPA with SBCEO. CIBC is also collaborating with us. They will offer the Reflective Practice tier of support.

Facilities: Eileen Monahan

Facilities met in the end of November. We completed our plan for the year. We are focusing on foundational data, tracking, open and closed facilities, challenges of COVID, identifying potential sites and tracking at the state level. Across the state, many counties have programs closing permanently. Santa Barbara County is not losing programs.



Needs Assessment/Strategic Plan: Flo Furuike & Jennifer Bergquist

Taundra shared what she and Holly Goldberg have been working on. In the end there will be four Needs Assessments submitted. 1. Submitted to CDE, 2. Prior to COVID, 3. Identifying the current needs, 4. What are needs post COVID). The CDE version has been submitted. We have a meeting scheduled for January 25th. Holly Goldberg is sharing a shorter version of the NA. We are working on the narrative. We are also working with SBCEO to design it.

WALDO: Sharol Viker

WALDO met in November and will continue to work on the Action Plan and reviewing it. We are working on the Work Force Study. Taundra brought Peace Literacy for the leadership plan. There are two teacher trainings with Peace Literacy in February. We continue to work on the Workforce Pathway stipends. WALDO will meet after CCPC today at 11:15.

VIII. Santa Barbara Public Health Overview

Dr. Peggy Dodds & Susan Klein-Rothschild from SB Public Health shared a PowerPoint presentation. They discussed current COVID statistics and updates. ICU beds are almost to capacity. Masking, social distancing, and hygiene are important. Vaccines are here and we are expecting to get to the next tier soon. It has not been decided who will be included in the next tier. Education may be included. The County is working with many health care providers to administer first tier vaccines. SB County is using two vaccines that have been approved for use from Moderna and Pfizer. The process went quickly, and vaccines are safe. Santa Barbara County is recommending continued safety even after vaccines are distributed. We are hoping for additional availability and want to get the vaccine distributed in a safe manner, so we do not have any waste. We are ahead of any counties getting the vaccine distributed. . Volunteer opportunities may be coming up in the future. Q&A followed. For additional questions contact Susan Klein-Rothschild at skrothschild@countyofsb.org or 805-699-0793.

IX. Governor’s Master Plan Overview

The Master Plan came out in December 2020. The Plan is 107 pages with two Summary pages. The Master Plan can be found here <https://www.chhs.ca.gov/home/master-plan-for-early-learning-and-care/>

The Plan provides relief to parents and providers devastated by COVID-19. Driven by quality, equity & social justices.

Four goals are listed in the plan:

- Provide compensation for early learning and care for infants and toddlers
- Ensure families can identify care
- Promote school readiness
- Provide stability for the workforce



A universal preschool system was included as well as sustaining a high-quality work force and a data sharing system. There is allocated money for the data system. There is some movement of funding from the California Department of Education to the Department of Social Services.

The Governor's budget recognizes the needs. The budget prioritizes children & families caring for them. A focus on pandemic recovery was also included.

Wendy Sims-Moten shared on social injustice in our society. Racism has always been there, but we are changing our discussion and have begun to talk. We need to focus on the impact social injustice has on our young children. Early Care & Education is so important.

The crimes that occurred in the summer of 2020 opened the platform for discussion regarding racism.

Strategic Plan – how we are working with our children. We have to come up with a way to support open discussions with three & four-year-old children. We need to show how to celebrate our differences, respect one another and hear each other.

Wendy recommended that as a Council, we come up with our statement. Call it what it is.

Q&A followed. Wendy recommended a book entitled Teaching to Transgress by Bell Hooks.

X. Other Business/Announcements

Florene – Family Wellness Coalition meeting tomorrow

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.