

Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council
Minutes October 14, 2020 – 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, Eileen Monahan, Annette Muse, Lorraine Neenan, Daisy Ochoa, Raquel Valdez, Sharol Viker, Susan Walsh

Members Excused: LuAnn Miller, Nancy Saengjaeng, Janelle Willis

Members Absent: Supervisor Gregg Hart, Ralph Ybarra

Alternates Present: Bridget Baublits, Mark Laurel

Guests Present: Susan Cass (Storyteller), Chris Sears (Lakeshore Learning)

Staff Present: Taundra Pitchford, Shelley Trost

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Chair, Lorraine Neenan, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

II. Public Comment Period

No public comment.

III. Approval of Minutes of September 9, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 9, 2020 by Susan Walsh. Michelle Graham seconded the motion. **MSC.**

IV. CCPC Grant Updates

LPC Grant – We have officially kicked off the year with our virtual retreat on September 9th. We are moving forward with planning for this year.

Workforce Pathways Grant – WALDO met to finalize the application. We are still waiting to hear from CDE on this grant before spending.

SB Foundation Grant – Peace Literacy training on October 2nd was well received. We were asked to expand and offer training to teaching staff. WALDO is focusing on equity and equality. The Workforce application comes out in November.

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

We have 48 sites permanently closed. Child care sites have 60 open with 35 temporarily closed. Most of the private programs are open at this time. NAEYC – estimates we will lose 50% of our child care centers due to COVID.

Besides COVID, current challenges for providers reopening includes wild fires, distinguishing between colds, flu and COVID symptoms, financial challenges, short staffed, mental health and needing extra staff for disinfecting. Public Health has come up with many new guidelines. We will continue to support sites as we can.

Positives – the Director's Collaborative calls continue to be weekly.

CRR Facebook Live is needed and continuing.

Program Expansion – SMBSD has opened two new sites. Five private programs are expanding. Learningden is opening a second site.

Family Child Care has lost a few sites, but they are replacing them.

Zaca Center is going to be an Inclusion site. Shelley Grand is working closely with Holly Harvan.

Supply distribution is almost complete. CRR has a fourth distribution date to distribute the balance of supplies they have left. Distribution will be on a first come first serve basis.

Licensing is working on rebranding their organization and offering support. They are going back to in-person inspections if they receive a complaint. Licensing regulations have not changed through this season. We have to follow the rules.

VI. Present Proposed 2020-21 Membership Roster

We welcomed new members – Artesia Carlon, Holly Harvan, and Susan Cass. All three introduced themselves and spoke a little about their backgrounds. Motion to approve the 2020-21 Membership Roster by Jacqui Banta. Donna Fisher seconded the motion. **MSC.**

VII. Steering Committee Report

Lorraine Neenan reviewed the Steering Committee meeting minutes from September 23rd. Minutes are in the official record.

VIII. Committee Updates

COAT: Theresa Embry

The Call to Action brochure will be presented to Council once finalized. The brochure will be distributed electronically for now. We will print them after the Sheltering in Place Order is lifted. Our next step is to discuss distribution and how we will use the brochure.

ICCAT: Jacqui Banta

ICCAT had a meeting recently and discussed how we will serve as a steering committee for the IEEEE grant. Holly is the program coordinator for the grant. We will help support and act as a liaison. We discussed a plan of action and how we could help. We will continue to meet as a committee and support Holly Harvan with the efforts of the county.

Facilities: Eileen Monahan

We need to create an acronym for Facilities Committee. We were working on amending the policies to support child care. We were also looking at the facilities grant that disappeared when the pandemic occurred. The last item we had on our agenda was tracking. We have been focused on the COVID changes and where we are now. At our next meeting we will need to reset and decide what the next steps are. A date for the next meeting to follow soon.

Needs Assessment/Strategic Plan: Flo Furuike & Jennifer Bergquist

Taundra, Holly Goldberg and Flo will plan for the next meeting. We are working on the Needs Assessment and moving forward.

WALDO: Sharol Viker – Handouts included as part of the official record.

WALDO will be overseeing the Workforce Pathways grant and funding uses. CA Early Care & Education will be circulating a Workforce Study survey. This will be going to every program. They will survey open and closed centers. There is no cost for the survey. We need to discuss if we can ask our own questions and receive the responses.

IX. Presentation: Reopening Process During COVID-19 – Presentation is part of the official record.

Artesia Carlon from SBCEO – presented a PowerPoint of the process from SBCEO's 10 open sites. Discussed were the challenges, protocols, variations, sanitization, and in-person vs. virtual classrooms. Opening started at two days per week in-person and has progressed to four days. Discussion, questions, and answers followed.

X. Legislation Updates

Update on current Assembly Bills.

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CA Child Care Coordinators Association <https://cachildcarecoordinators.org>

Stephen Propheter from CDE met with us. We discussed funding reduction that happened in 2010 by 50% and how the LPC role is full-time hours but the funding is not.

AB1001 has ended and CA is choosing a different approach.

We are putting together a white paper with UC Berkeley. Contra Costa gathered information from all counties. It was interesting to see what other counties are doing during the pandemic to help their counties. Santa Barbara County did a lot with our partner collaboration.

Overseeing of state grants will be moving from CDE to DSS next summer. We are proactive and helping to support the shift.

Amanda Dickey joined us for a candid conversation sharing from the Governor's budget. Most funding has shifted to help support pandemic efforts. We need federal dollars to continue our work. CA is in a tough place for ECE right now.

CCCCA has one representative in every county. We can collaborate and I am excited to be part of the Executive Committee.

X. Other Business/Announcements

- Susan question - Any updates for PEACH and the CCTC Matrix for early childhood? It has been silent. Discussion regarding who PEACH is? Comment: We need to have someone from our county represent and connect with them.
- Sharol - First 5 has a Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, October 19th at 9 a.m. You can join through Zoom or the website. Audits and the first draft of the Strategic Plan will be reviewed. We are looking for more people to join the advisory board.
- Florene – The Teaching Pyramid training modules are being offered again this year starting on October 24th. The CSEFEL binder is now available in Spanish.
- Florene will be training Parent Modules in Spanish. Training Promatores across the county.
- Holly - Inclusion Community of Practice for Teachers is Thursday, October 15th from 6-7 p.m. An email was sent out yesterday.
- Susan – Shared the Unite for Literacy website printed in English and Spanish <https://www.uniteforliteracy.com/>

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.