

Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council
Minutes September 9, 2020 – 9:00-9:30 a.m.
Retreat Followed Regular Meeting
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Members Present: Jacqui Banta, Lourena Beale, Florene Bednersh, Jennifer Bergquist, Theresa Embry, Flo Furuike, Michelle Graham, Shelley Grand, LuAnn Miller, Eileen Monahan, Annette Muse, Lorraine Neenan, Daisy Ochoa, Nancy Saengjaeng, Raquel Valdez, Sharol Viker, Susan Walsh, Janelle Willis, Ralph Ybarra

Members Excused: Donna B. Fisher

Members Absent: Supervisor Gregg Hart

Alternates Present: Jennifer Macdonald

Guests Present: Artesia Carlon (SBCEO), Mari Estrada (CSUCI), Holly Harvan (SBCEO), Jennifer Mundy (CALM) 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 9:00 a.m.

II. Public Comment Period

No public comment.

III. Approval of Minutes of May 27, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 27, 2020 by Michelle Graham. Flo Furuike seconded the motion. **MSC.**

IV. Installation of Officers

All officers took the Oath of Officers led by Lourena Beale, Past Chair.

V. Member Recognition and Welcome to New Members

Michelle Graham, outgoing Nominating Committee, led in welcoming new members and thanking existing members for all of the hard work they do with Council.

We went around the virtual table and shared any good news that has happened in our lives.

New member applications will go before Steering Committee on September 23, 2020 for approval.

New members included Holly Harvan-SBCEO, Franky Viveros-IVYP and Artesia Carlon-SBCEO.

VI. Member Commitment letters, In-Kind letters, and Committee choices.

Shelley Trost reminded members with expiration dates of 6/30/20 will need to complete the Member Agreement to extend their place on Council for another two years.

In-Kind letters are due from everyone as a stipulation for the LPC grant.

Committee choices need to be made by each member. You can either stay on the committee(s) you are already on or if you would like to add or change committees reach out to us. We will get you connected with the committee lead. Every member must be on at least one committee.

VII. Coordinator's Report

Not discussed today.

VIII. Committee Updates

Will be discussed in detail during the retreat after council meeting. Committees will be discussed as a group so everybody will know what this committee does, what they are working on from the close

of last fiscal year and where they see themselves going in 2020-21. Preliminary Activity Plans will be updated during the retreat.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m. We convened into the CCPC Retreat.

CCPC Retreat Began at 9:19 a.m.

I. Vision 2020 Plan

Welcome to the Retreat.

The Vision 2020 Plan was revisited and discussed.

II. Five Agencies Discussed Updates During the COVID-19 Sheltering in Place Order

- **Emergency Child Care Initiative** Eileen Monahan
ECCI was able to pool funds from several agencies and help with child care for essential workers. Employees were surveyed to see what the needs were and how to match the needs with answers. Four total sites were opened. One in Santa Maria, Santa Ynez, Santa Barbara, and Lompoc. From March to July 250 children were served. United Way is taking the lead to determine how to help school-aged children.
- **Children's Resource and Referral** Michelle Graham and Jacqui Banta shared an uplifting video and thanked all community partnerships that made so many opportunities possible. Thousands of pounds of COVID supplies were distributed on four different dates. Community partnerships and working together was key. The children are our focus.
- **CommUnify** Lorraine Neenan shared about Community Action Commission changing their name to CommUnify. The state has been flexible and general, and information is coming in slowly. We are hoping to get back to business soon. CommUnify is not yet open.
- **Santa Maria Bonita School District** Raquel Valdez shared that 11 sites with 320 children are enrolled in virtual classrooms. We have online registration including a helpline for parents. It was difficult for some parents, but we are learning how to work together in the new environment. Teachers had challenges early on, but it is better now. Teachers miss their children.
- **Santa Barbara County Education Office** Janelle Willis shared that SBCEO is one of the few state preschools to open in the county. We have had sites open since July 1st. Staff has been amazing. Parents are thankful for the support. Right now we are at 2 days a week. We have hybrid classes and also long-distance learners. We created policies & procedures and hope to share it with others. October 1st we are expanding to four days a week. We will still offer distance learning for those families who do not feel comfortable with in-person learning.

III. Presentation by Jennifer Mundy of CALM – PowerPoint Presentation is part of official record.

Topic: Looking ahead for Early Learning and Care.

IV. Committee Activity Plans (COAT, ICCAT, WALDO, Needs Assessment/Strategic Plan, Facilities)

Group discussions and plans were made regarding all five committees. We discussed where we ended up last year and where we see the committees going in 2020-21.

V. Retreat Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.