

Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council
Steering Committee Meeting
January 27, 2021 Minutes - via Zoom

Members Present: Lorraine Neenan, Jacqui Banta, Michelle Graham (partial), Raquel Valdez, Sharol Viker

Members Absent: Janelle Willis

Staff present: Taundra Pitchford, Shelley Trost

Handouts: Agenda, Proposed Minutes from December 15, 2020, Internal Plan, CCPC Meeting Plan, Fiscal Reports

I. Call to Order & Welcome

Chair, Lorraine Neenan, called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

II. Public Comment Period

There was no public comment

III. Approval of Minutes of December 15, 2020

Michelle Graham moved to **approve the minutes of December 15, 2020**. Jacqui Banta seconded the motion. **MSC**

IV. Review Internal Plan

- a. Committee agreed the Internal Plan is ready for approval. The Plan will be presented to Council in February for approval.
- b. Discussion of Countywide Needs: COVID vaccines were discussed and how to contact personnel.
CRR received an extensive list of employees linked to child care centers and family child care homes. Every licensing profile in the county including personnel summary reports, omitting social security numbers. CRR is creating a spreadsheet. Small sites have no personnel associated with it, only the Director's name. We will have data for our county now so there is valuable information, but this is only a glimpse in time. We are hopeful that to receive the vaccine, they will only need to bring an ID and a paystub for verification that they work in the child care industry.

V. Coordinator's Report – Official Report as part of record. Highlights Included:

- Early Care and Education Programs - New data shows child care programs are still a safe place to be as long as protocols are observed and kept in place.
- Tuition – Do we charge families if they are out due to testing positive? Discussion.
- Child care is looking for thermometers and can always use gloves.
- CRR gets the information for distributions from the state.
- Another FCC is temporarily shutting down because two family members tested positive.
- CALM training on January 6th had a huge response of over 100 people. Zoom crashed so we increased our participant capacity. We are meeting once a month right now through December.

VI. CCPC Grant Updates

- a. LPC Grant – We are on track spending down this grant. We have a balance of \$17,000 right now. Some of this money has been set aside for use. We will need to decide how to spend approximately \$3,000.
- b. SB Foundation – We are right on track with this grant and the grant money will be used.
- c. Workforce Pathways Grant – Applications are being processed. Some stipends will be paid in the next month. The bulk of this money will be going out in the end of May or early June.
 - The First 5SB Dual Language Learning Grant will be supplementing Workforce Pathways stipends for those who chose DLL for their pathway.
 - WALDO & Higher Education – We are offering a training on Child Care Permits to help teachers get acclimated with this process.
 - AHC works diligently to help students get registered with a Workforce Registry number. They know they can sign up after six months. At that point we walk them through the registration process.
 - We want to help people continue their education
 - The system that we have in place this year is working really well using spreadsheets. Next year we may use Workforce Registry to submit applications.

VII. Public Policy Review

Legislative updates – See Summary from Coordinator’s Association. Part of official records. We are supporting CRR and will continue to do that. If CCPC are housed in R&R they have a closer communication. Our County has a unique relationship compared to other counties in that we work together. Discussed some of the Senate Bills and Assembly Bills.

Governor Newsom’s Master Plan & Higher Education

There was a Higher education meeting the other day discussing the Master Plan. Most were not prepared to implement. They need more information.

We will find our place in the Master Plan. Not sure what this will all look like at this point. We will keep each other updated.

There was discussion on how to implement the tiers. Focus on coaching and expanding trainings through the statewide professional development, to include offering trainings in other languages and/or offering translation.

Focus on health and safety, DLL, career ladders and support for all.

Needs Assessment has a new template. We have already submitted ours using the old template. We will submit a more intensive Needs Assessment which goes above and beyond the new CDE template. We will not need another one for five years.

Zip Code Priorities – we will use 2019 statistics for a more realistic gauge on needs in the county.

VIII. Council Meeting Planning

Steering discussed options for training topics for the next few Council meetings. Ideas included:

FEBRUARY - ACEs expansion with Family Service Agency & Child Abuse Prevention Council

With child abuse on the rise speak with Barb Finch about doing a presentation to Council.

MARCH – Needs Assessment presentation

Send out formal notice asking for Officer recommendations in March

APRIL – Vote of Officers

MAY - Public Recognition Month – Committee discussed creating a video broadcast, like a public service announcement, celebrating people who work in the field asking directors & council if they have any videos clips they would like to share. We could share the video, market it, post it on social media with SB County and get it on the news. Jacqui volunteered to reach out to child cares and ask for permission to take some high-quality photos. We could embed some of the needs assessment data into the video. We could create something powerful in how we are changing children’s lives. May 2nd starts Teachers Appreciation Week.

The Installation of Officers will happen in May.

IX. Other Business/Announcements

Discussion relating to someone who is calling child cares offering to refer families for a fee. This has happened before and there are businesses out there that charge for what Children’s Resource & Referral does for free. Discussion.

X. Adjournment: Chair, Lorraine Neenan, adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m.