



**Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council**  
**Steering Committee Meeting**  
**January 26, 2022, from 3:00-4:30pm**  
**Minutes - via Zoom**

**Members Present:** Jacqui Banta, Raquel Valdez, Sharol Viker, Janelle Willis

**Members Absent:** Michelle Graham, Lorraine Neenan

**Staff Present:** Christian Patterson, Shelley Trost

**Handouts:** Agenda, Proposed Minutes for December 9, 2021, Budget Reports

**I. Call to Order & Welcome**

Vice Chair, Jacqui Banta, called the meeting to order at 3:04pm

**II. Public Comment Period**

No public comment.

**III. Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2021**

Janelle Willis moved to **approve the minutes of December 9, 2021**. Raquel Valdez seconded the motion. **MSC**

**IV. CCPC Grant Updates**

**Local Planning Council Grant**

\$21,000 balance on this grant. Christian presented an idea for Teacher Appreciation journals. Another idea he had was education kits for centers. Discussion.

**Santa Barbara Foundation/ECE Leadership Grant**

The MOU was signed with Patty Pisterosi for Strengths Based Leadership training on April 2. \$3100.

**Workforce Pathways Grant**

Packets are complete. We currently have 16 incompletes. There were eight under six months employed.

DLL F5SB – Training is complete. The balance of the grant will be used for stipends in May/June.

**V. Coordinator's Report – included in official record**

a. Overall updates Discussed

Help Me Grow Initiative are in partnership with Alpha Resource Center. Discussion.

Apprenticeship Program is currently working on plans. The 7 Stress Busters Campaign was discussed. Apprenticeship is planned to launch in April. We may want to present this to Council soon.

b. American Recovery Plan Act funding

A survey was sent out to all of licensees. We've received 100 back. The Santa Barbara Foundation provided public comment regarding ARPA at the last Board of Supervisors meeting, which was in our favor.

c. Early Education Teacher Development Grant

Katie Mervin worked on the letter of intent for this grant. This funding stream has \$100 million to work with. The grant is limited to LEAs. LEAs can create consortiums.

**VI. UPK Updates and Discussion**

- First 5 UPK buckets were discussed.
- WALDO would have the focus on the workforce.

- Each district has a certain amount of funds for enrollment based on last year.
- Spending can be used in many different areas.
- Schools will have to present a plan to the Board by the end of June for their consideration. One is a Toolkit through CCSESA. California County Superintendents Education Services
- A survey will have to be completed on how schools plan to implement the UPK program.
- Overview of documents will be reviewed in the next meeting.
- It was implied that LEAs need to be working with organizations.
- Discussion about what the County Office is looking to connect organization contacts. Connections for districts may differ. Janelle will share the CCSESA document.
- Discussion about facilities and how Local Planning Council will be involved. More information to come.
- Workforce issues were discussed. How can colleges be involved. Partnerships with higher education was discussed. How can we integrate groups, so we are not all working independently?
- Maybe in Steering we can help start taking the pieces and give input. Planning Council is supposed to work with up to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This may be our moment to get involved.

**VII. 2021-22 Training/Activities Planning for Upcoming Council Meetings**

- a. February Katie Mervin sharing the Apprenticeship Program she's been working on which is very exciting. Maybe look at the different components in the Toolkit and discuss at Council in February. There is guidance from the state but maybe a better document would be to highlight where districts could get the information. The UPK Planning Toolkit that Janelle worked on was discussed. She will share it with Steering.
- b. Inclusion Initiative-March or April - An initiative headed by Holly Harvan our Inclusion specialist. Christian, Tamara Thompson, Erika from Learningden, the school district, and Melynda Velasquez are involved in creating a document to help the state.
- c. May - Licensing could come in and share the CARE Tool from CCLD.

**VIII. Public Policy Review – Report in official record**

AB92 – Amends family fees.

AB321 – Amends the CA Education Welfare & Codes for children with exceptional needs.

Hearing was on January 20, 2022.

AB1649 – Childcare and Development Act. Providers would be reimbursed based upon enrollment rather than attendance.

SB830 – County Office of Education for supplemental funding. Begins 2023-24. Reimbursed based upon enrollment not attendance. Must spend 50% of funding on absentee and truancy.

**IX. Other Business/Announcements:**

Discussion of LPC Grant ideas.

Jacqui's team is making a chart for 12,000 children in our county. We received 720 COVID testing kits. We will target Ages 3-5, full day programs. We addressed sites that do not have testing sites available in their communities with the largest capacity.

We would like to spend some of the LPC money to obtain additional kits. We've drafted a letter to work on getting more kits. Sharol to research where the Board of Supervisors kits went. A recommendation was made to build from the system CRR has in place. CRR is also getting PPE supplies – hand sanitizer, adult, and children's masks. Gloves were also requested.

**X. Adjournment**

Chair, Jacqui Banta, adjourned the meeting at 4:06pm.