

**Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council**  
**Steering Committee Meeting**  
**October 26, 2020 Minutes - via Zoom**

**Members Present:** Lorraine Neenan, Jacqui Banta, Janelle Willis, Raquel Valdez,

**Members Absent:** Michelle Graham, Sharol Viker arrived at 3:10 p.m.

**Staff present:** Taundra Pitchford

**Handouts:** Agenda, Proposed Minutes from September 23, 2020, Steering Meeting Activity Plan, CCPC Committee Activity Plan, Fiscal Reports

**I. Call to Order & Welcome**

Chair: Lorraine Neenan, called meeting to order at 2:07p.m.

**II. Public Comment Period**

There was no public comment

**III. Approval of Minutes of September 23, 2020**

Jacqui Banta moved to **approve the minutes of September 23, 2020**. Raquel Valdez seconded the motion. **MSC**

**IV. Review 2020-21 Membership**

- Reviewed Membership Commitment and In-kind Letters roster. Discussed reaching out to members for clarification of estimated time for “in-kind” commitment.
- Jacqui Banta moved to approve membership roster for 2020-21. Janelle Willis seconded the motion. **MSC**
- Coordinator will submit Statement Regarding Composition of LPC Membership to County Board of Supervisor, Gregg Hart, for certification signature and submit to California Department of Education

**V. Review Committee Action Plans**

Steering reviewed Council members preliminary Internal Plan for 2020-21. Discuss progress of current countywide needs assessment and brochure. Suggested upon completion, COAT is encouraged to participate in a county-wide eblast to be used to communicate Call to Action and lead community to the CCPC website.

**VI. Coordinator’s Report – Highlights Included:**

- A. Community Care Licensing Office** is offering regular evening check-ins with directors to review PINs and Guidance.
- CCL is enforcing regulations and returning to in-person visits if there is a complaint. They will continue offering virtual technical assistance. Providers are encouraged to call with questions.
  - LPC coordinator is continuing to meet regularly with Public Health, First 5, CRR, SB Foundation on the Public Health task force

- Communication is what programs need right now – to stay connected. The Directors group continues to meet weekly through November
  - Topics include symptoms of illness and protocols
  - Exploring group health insurance
  - Coordinator will schedule a separate CSPP meeting to review Management Bulletins, PINS and other guidance and/or regulations
    - Districts that are in the process of reopening to in-person hybrid classes are Montecito, Cold Springs and Hope
    - Schools reopening could affect child care needs

**B. Media:**

- Noozhawk did an article with SB Foundation and CRR
- Best of Independent was Lorretta Smargon – owner of Evergreen Learning Center
- Santa Maria Times article came out last Friday with focus on Robin Palmerston
  - It was suggested CCPC/COAT does another press release to advocate for ECE and its importance for the community
  - Jacqui Banta shared Santa Barbara County is getting attention for the COVID-19 advocacy, guidance, and supplies distribution achieved to support the ECE field and provider over the last seven months.

**C. First 5 ECE Learning Partners:**

- First 5 and School Districts are expanding Kindergarten Readiness Network, linking TK/K with ECE. Exploring ways to support the transition from ECE program to TK-12 system.
- CRR and CCPC presented at the Early Learning Community on the importance of ECE in SB County prior, during, and post COVID-19. We're asking districts to learn from what ECE providers can offer and examples of the process for reopening ECE programs. Challenges and successes.

**D. Needs Assessment:**

Needs Assessment in process with subcontractor, Holly Goldberg. Required data is complete and ready to be submitted to California Department of Education. NA committee is exploring the broader data messaging to share countywide. Data is pre-COVID and does not reflect current need vs capacity.

- SBCEO's graphic design department is formatting the layout and the design. The graphic designer assigned to the NA is Luis Medina.
- CCPC has been asked to simplify the layout to hone-in on a clear message. Holly and Taundra attended a Data Specialization Training to reformat charts and show your data more effectively.

**E. Supporting families:**

Engaged in a rich discussion on how to support families with remote learning and engagement. Zoom calls are challenging especially for those providers and/or family members who may or may not speak the language. Causes stress for these families.

- Exploring options for basic Zoom organizing skills, Parent Cafes/Provider Cafes to voice frustrations, share personal stories

## **VII. CCPC Grant Updates and budget reports**

- LPC Grant – financially on track and using Holly Goldberg as a subcontractor for Needs Assessment data collection
- SB Foundation – funding reduction of \$10,000. Must modify original ECE Leadership Development plan.
  - Peace Literacy will present at the next WALDO meeting to decide if they will lead the ECE Leadership Project this year.
  - Exploring using local trainers through in-kind use of time to include areas such as mentorship of future leaders and trauma responsive care
- Workforce Pathways Grant –
  - The Workforce Pathways stipend application is ready to be released.
  - UC Berkeley released a new Workforce Survey as an in-depth profile of teaching staff at center-based and family child care providers. The study will look at the demographic and professional characteristics of this workforce detailing race, ethnicity, age, gender, education level, and other characteristics.
    - CRR will send a survey out to all providers. CCPC will send out to directors group focusing on center-based programs, and First 5 will focus on school districts.
  - First 5's Dual Language Learner Grant will align and offer stipends to those participating in the Workforce Pathways Stipend program.

## **VIII. Public Policy Review**

- CDE Updates – CDE has scheduled a Child Care Transition All Stakeholders webinar on Oct 29 (transitioning from CDE to DSS)

## **IX. Council Meeting Planning**

Steering members discussed presentations for early 2021

- January: Briefly share who is open and closed and invite a guest speaker to present : Equity – Whole Child Equity Partnership
- February: Present Needs Assessment and State Budget Review

## **X. Other Business/Announcements**

CRR announced that Santa Barbara County is being recognized for their response to COVID-19. CRR and First 5 will receive an additional supply distribution drop for center

- The goal is to promote this distribution day with higher media coverage
- BE LOUD! Advocate for ECE providers and the work they do.

## **XI. Adjournment:** Chair, Lorraine Neenan, adjourned the meeting at 3:53p.m.