

Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council
Steering Committee Meeting
October 27, 2021 at 2:00pm
Minutes - via Zoom

Members Present: Michelle Graham, Jacqui Banta, Sharol Viker, Raquel Valdez

Members Absent: Lorraine Neenan, Janelle Willis

Staff present: Taundra Pitchford, Shelley Trost

Handouts: Agenda, Proposed Minutes for September 29, 2021

I. Call to Order & Welcome

Chair, Michelle Graham, called the meeting to order at 2:06pm

II. Public Comment Period

There was no public comment

III. Approval of Minutes of September 29, 2021

Raquel Valdez moved to **approve the minutes of September 29, 2021**. Jacqui Banta seconded the motion. **MSC**

IV. Review Brown Act (AB 361) Meeting Requirements

Discussed AB 361 signed into law on September 16, 2021. The state would like us to get back to in-person meetings. Discussion. If posting an address, you must allow the general public to attend at that location. A percentage of quorum cannot be out of the county. Committee will vote in November for the January meeting. A vote for the Council meeting type in January will need to be voted on Thursday, December 9th at 8:45am. Agreed by all. Shelley to send invite.

V. CCPC Grant Updates

Local Planning Council Grant

Discussed spending and more strict guidelines for LPC.

Santa Barbara Foundation's ECE Leadership Grant

Nothing new to discuss.

Workforce Pathways Grant

Applications are coming in and we are beginning to process them. Karina is working with FCCs for PITC. There is also an English version of PITC. There will be additional trainings in both Spanish & English. Centers were discussed. Coaches are going a bit deeper with sites.

VI. Coordinator's Report – included in official record

A. American Recovery Plan Act funding

Taundra Pitchford toured with Supervisor Hartman at First Presbyterian. Eileen toured a facility with Yida Lozana. Childcare reserves are depleted, expenses are high, any surprise expense is devastating to a site. Financial loss to 1st Pres is \$30,000. They used up their payroll reserve. Discussion.

Discussion regarding adding funding to Holly Goldberg to continue the ARPA work was discussed. An amount of \$5,000 at most was agreed upon. Funding would come from the SB Foundation grant. We could devote some staff time to ARPA. Taundra to check in with Pedro at SB Foundation to see how much time is left on the current contract. We would need an outline of certain deliverables to contribute. Taundra will reach out to Pedro and

report back to Committee her findings about Holly's current contract. Decisions will then be made on how to proceed.

B. Licensed Child Care Facility Stabilization Stipends

The chart entitled **American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) and Childcare** shared at the October Council meeting by Michelle Robertson was discussed. Clarification was good. How is this going to fit in with Council? Michelle will join the Director's meeting tomorrow to discuss with directors and site supervisors.

C. Universal Preschool Implementation

Janelle & Michelle are working on the P-3 future with Universal TK.

D. Kindergarten Readiness Network

Not discussed

VII. ECE Staff Recruitment and Teacher/Director Mentorship

Staff recruitment and teacher mentorship program is coming back together. Katie Mervin will be working to help build up the workforce. US Chamber meeting discussed people are demanding higher wages. Discussion. The library project is going well

VIII. 2021-22 Training/Activities Planning

Taundra to follow up with Thesa & Winkie to see about presenting a Staffing Pipeline and Options for November's council meeting. If they are not available, CRR could present Parent Cafés.

IX. Public Policy Review

The focus is currently on AB130 and AB163.

X. Other Business/Announcements:

Childcares were discussed.

XI. Adjournment

Chair, Michelle Graham, adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm