

Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council
Steering Committee Meeting
December 15, 2020 Minutes - via Zoom

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

Members Absent: Lorraine Neenan

Staff present: Taundra Pitchford, Shelley Trost

Handouts: Agenda, Proposed Minutes from October 26, 2020, CCPC Committee Activity Plan, Fiscal Reports

I. Call to Order & Welcome

Vice Chair: Jacqui Banta called meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

II. Public Comment Period

There was no public comment

III. Approval of Minutes of October 26, 2020

Janelle Willis moved to **approve the minutes of October 26, 2020**. Michelle Graham seconded the motion. **MSC**

IV. Update on California Department of Education Reports

2020-21 CCPC Membership

- LPC Report was signed and mailed the week of 12/7/2020.
- Membership Roster will be submitted to County Board of Supervisors, Gregg Hart.
- The New CDE Annual Self-Evaluation was completed and submitted online based on the Internal Action Plan. This is an annual report to the CA Department of Education.
- Needs Assessment for CDE – The Needs Assessment requirements by CDE have been received. Holly Goldberg and Taundra will make any changes needed prior to COVID according to CDE request. We will revisit the NA at a later date and make changes based on the now needs. We expect things to look different in 2021.
- Prior to COVID NA – is this now relevant?
- Post COVID NA - We will complete a simplified shorter version. Holly G. is working on taking data and converting it to readable graphs. Taundra is condensing the narrative and working with SBCEO on design. The final product should be completed in January.

V. Review Committee Action Plans

- Council members will review and approve the Internal Plan for 2020-21. WALDO remains on track and will meet again January 13th.
- Other current countywide needs discussed:
 - We are operating in survival mode right now. Many programs are still operating at a monthly deficit. FCC's have remained open but temporary closures from exposures are a factor. COVID benefits cover 14 days total closure per year. Schools are the same. Benefit can cover multiple closures if less than 14 days at a time.
 - Staffing shortages continue to be an issue. Virtual vs. in-person discussed.
 - There are limited outbreaks of COVID cases. Three is considered an outbreak.
 - Some families are sticking with pods. They get the education and the social interaction.
 - Goleta Valley Nursery School is temporarily closed until September 2021.

VI. Coordinator's Report – Highlights Included:

- Teaching staff are fatigued.
- We distributed the book *BURNOUT-How to Complete the Stress Cycle* to each director in the community plus our Lakeshore bonus points offered a math skill learning material kit.
- CALM was awarded a 2-year Universal Preschool Partnership initiative. Some of what they want to do with the grant is:
 - Deliver workshops for every month of the academic year. Engage ECE providers in professional development to build their skills and knowledge related to social emotional learning and trauma-informed/responsive care. Build “Universal Supports” for preschool mental health. Create learning environments that are supportive of the social-emotional needs of all children
- On Wednesday, December 16th we are co-sponsoring a Kindergarten Parent Night with Learningden & Cottage Hospital/Orfalea Children’s Center. This is for School Districts and Private Centers as well.
- SB Public Health Task Force
 - We are working closely with Dr. Dodds, CCL and Susanne Grimesey SBC. Jacqui & Sharol are on this committee. The one pager from CRR will be updated and released this week. Discussion regarding Public Health requirements, including travel.
 - Holly Goldberg is consolidating information from National stats, the CA CDC as well as SB Public Health. National, state, and local levels.
 - SB Foundation Child Care task force is working closely with Dr. Dodds and team to assist TK-12 in the reopening process. We are helping with update information sessions on the ECE field. We are aligning our two groups. Note: Janelle would like to be involved in this.
 - We had an information session on ECE re: what has been happening during COVID
 - What can be learned? Both FCCs & center-based were discussed.
 - Expand Kindergarten Readiness Network aligning the two worlds. Preschool to 3rd
 - Transition planning from ECE to TK/Kindergarten
- EQUITY – everything is linked to explicit/implicit bias training
- CCCCA & LPC are planning our quarterly meeting in January
- We are helping navigate the transition planning from CDE to CDSS
- Interesting how this will come together focusing on 0-3-year-olds
- CSPP sites will remain with CDE

VII. CCPC Grant Updates

- a. LPC Grant – The biggest expense outside of salaries is Holly’s consulting on NA. We are on track with our spending.
- b. SB Foundation – Originally told us we were only going to receive \$15,000 of the requested \$25,000 but we found out last week we received the full asking amount.
 - i. We are going to include another Peace Literacy for teachers. To be discussed with WALDO.
 - ii. We are going to include an emergent leader intensive program with i3 Institute’s – “Leading with Intention”. Topics include:
- c. Workforce Pathways Grant
 - i. We are currently accepting applications through December 30th. We may offer extensions if needed to meet with Advisors.
 - ii. The DLL series begins over the next couple of months. We will finalize this in the next couple of weeks and get dates on the QRIS and WR calendars.
 - iii. WorkForce Pathways ends June 30th. DLL could be extended to December 2021.
- d. Workforce Survey Discussion:

- i. We do not have access to who gets contacted with the survey or their responses.
- ii. We will send out one more eblast to hopefully get a greater response from our county. This is designed for Family Child Cares as well as Child Care Centers. The survey is open until the end of December.
- iii. CDE is really pushing for 4-year-olds to be TK, 3-year-olds will be preschool, then 0-3 will reside in the private sector. TK & Kindergarten will be for all children.

VIII. Public Policy Review

- a. CDE Updates – Governor Newsom’s Master Plan was discussed.
 - i. 2 Areas of focus are Equity & Inclusion
- b. Four goals discussed were: **Programing, Workforce, Funding & Administration**
- c. COVID-19 Updates & Public Health
- d. Community Outreach is big right now. We are doing great with collaboration. There are 57 on the waitlist that want in-person classrooms. Children need the socialization.
- e. DRDPs scores are low right now. Scores are reacting the way they should be given the circumstances. Remote learning does not replace the in-person interaction. It is okay for children to be scoring low right now.
 - i. remote learning does not replace in-person interaction
 - ii. parental stress is high
 - iii. staff needs to remember to take care of themselves

IX. Council Meeting Planning – Ideas Included:

January discussion included the Whole Child Equity Partnership and the state Master Plan.

Training Component could include Public Health could come and present sharing numbers and how to move forward including where we are right now. Include a link to the Master Plan. Jacqui & Michelle could do an overview of FCCs. Have Christina share a unique perspective. Center-based LEA & non-LEA

Include opened & closed child care information. What is the child’s reality right now?

Complexity of where we are at right now. Glimpse of the future. How can we help support the ECE community?

FCC – there needs to be a bigger investment in early care & education from all sources. Quality spaces. They need change. Supplies and stipends were helpful but it is not solving the bigger issues.

February – Present Needs Assessment. Funding the Future of ECE.

March – Recap the year in COVID ongoing consequences, developmental delays, lack of services, trauma, outdoor classroom project, and ratios.

Recognize all the child care and preschool happening in the county. Maybe do a Teacher Appreciation in May.

Taundra to follow-up with some information for feedback.

X. Other Business/Announcements

None

XI. Adjournment: Vice Chair, Jacqui Banta, adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.