



Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council
Steering Committee Meeting
February 24, 2022, from 11:00am-12:30pm (date change)
Minutes - via Zoom

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

Members Absent: Lorraine Neenan, Janelle Willis

Staff Present: Christian Patterson, Shelley Trost

Handouts: Agenda, Proposed Minutes for January 26, 2022, Budget Reports

I. Call to Order & Welcome

Chair, Michelle Graham, called the meeting to order at 11:02am.

II. Public Comment Period

No public comment.

III. Approval of Minutes of January 26, 2022

Raquel Valdez moved to **approve the minutes of January 26, 2022**. Jacqui Banta seconded the motion. **MSC**

IV. CCPC Grant Updates

Local Planning Council Grant

We are looking into offering a Director's Institute which will focus on directors only. The cost is \$8000. We may present it this year or early fall next year. Teacher Appreciation Day is coming up in May. We would like to purchase journals for all teachers. We are currently working on the teacher count to see how many we will need. We have also looked at the purchase of educational materials for sites. Discussion.

Santa Barbara Foundation/ECE Leadership Grant

The Leadership training, Leading with Strengths, is coming up on April 2nd at Hotel Corque. We have contracts signed and the deposit made for the venue. We have the MOU signed for the instructor. Gallup books were purchased for each attendee.

Workforce Pathways Grant

PITC trainings have been completed with WestEd for the FCCs. Childcare Centers are in the middle of their 12-week program. We held a PITC half day training on February 19th and have a second one scheduled for May 14th.

V. Coordinator's Report – included in official record

Overall updates Discussed

- Christian, Katie, and coaches are working on plans for Professional Development for next year. Community of Practice for Directors is an idea.
- More intentional trainings are being looked at to meet the needs, including DLL and Inclusion CoP – professional development opportunities.
- SBCEO is partnering with Ventura County Office of Ed and San Luis Obispo in an anti-biased film. Invitation to come in English & Spanish.
- I met with Public Health and Community Care Licensing. They are creating a COVID guide to be released after 2/28. New mask guidance is coming out in March for schools.
- Member terms for 10 members are coming to an end June 30th. We will send out renewal letters next week. We will present to CCPC after responses are received.

- A dual language learner Community of Practice has been formed including all LPCs. Many of the childcare resources do not reach the dual language learners or the families that are providing care. It is important for local agencies to utilize the funds in an intentional way.

Infrastructure Grant Program

- A minor renovation grant is open. In the Spring, the major renovation grant will be released. More information will be coming soon.

VI. UPK Updates and Discussion

We have two virtual Universal Pre-K meetings coming up on 03/16 from 8:30-10am and 03/29 from 10-11:30am. March 16 will be for review and March 29 will be a planning meeting targeting open communication, sharing information, and creating a collaborative or cohort.

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

- a. Child360 - Directors Institute. This is a 4-part series for Directors. Topics include Exploring Workplace Values, Utilizing Styles & Goals, Building Team Collaboration & Wellness, and Leadership Café. Each session is approximately two hours via Zoom. The cost is \$8000. We recommend including leadership in our community. Discussion.
- b. Educational materials to our centers – Recommended Number Robots, Power to Choose book set (only offered in English at this time). Discussion. Do we want to teach how to use the materials prior to sending them out?
- c. CRR PPE Distribution – we would like to help offset \$1000 towards the costs of distribution. Steering agreed to co-sponsorship CRR with LPC funds.
- d. Teacher Appreciation Day – Journals will come from the Local Planning Council and will include all centers and family childcares. CRR will give us the number of FCC teachers and can support where needed.

VIII. Public Policy Review – Report in official record

AB2131 – Licensure changes

AB2281 - Grant opportunity mental health resources

IX. Other Business/Announcements:

Most centers that registered for PPE distribution did not show up. We had to move a lot of supplies out in. Many reached out after the date to pick up. Most supplies have now been distributed.

CRR Job Fair – May 14th. We are working on that event. More information to come.

F5SB – Sharol recommended Michelle Robertson for the F5 CCPC slot

Mari Garcia Ortega – The DLL Immersion Grant is now out. They need teachers and a pipeline for the teachers. Where is our P-3 coordination system where everybody is at the table? Is there a P-3 Council or Cohort? Discussion.

X. Training Plan

March - Holly Harvan will present on Inclusion.

April - Janelle Willis will share Toolkit Components. Possibly Barb Finch will share about Child Abuse Prevention Month

May – Possibly have Licensing in to share what a site visit looks like.

XI. Adjournment

Chair, Michelle Graham, adjourned the meeting at 12:26pm.