

**Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council**  
**Steering Committee Meeting**  
**March 24, 2021 Minutes - via Zoom**

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

**Members Absent:** Lorraine Neenan

**Staff present:** Taundra Pitchford, Shelley Trost

**Handouts:** Agenda, Proposed Minutes from February 24, 2021, Fiscal Reports

**I. Call to Order & Welcome**

Vice Chair, Jacqui Banta, called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

**II. Public Comment Period**

There was no public comment

**III. Approval of Minutes of February 24, 2021**

Janelle Willis moved to **approve the minutes of February 24, 2021**. Raquel Valdez seconded the motion. **MSC**

**IV. CCPC Grant Updates**

- Local Planning Council Grant
  - Santa Barbara Foundation's Leadership Grant
  - Workforce Pathways Grant
- All grant spending is on target. No updates from last month.

**V. Review Local Planning Council Budget:**

All plans are moving along. Not much change to report.

**VI. Committee to Discuss Action Items:**

**A. Vaccine Distribution:**

Discussed CR&R second dose of vaccines. They had a lot of success with the County with getting out the email links for round two. Everybody who has had concerns is receiving their reminder. Next week the County is opening vaccines up to all day options and keeping it for a week in each county. CRR will do some outreach and identify the hard-to-reach individuals to help them register. There will no longer be a lottery list because there are plenty of vaccines to go around. With the availability of the vaccine, CRR will be stepping back from their role. Many had gotten vaccinated and found access to other avenues to receive the vaccine. CR&R received a lot of compliments from Public Health.

**B. Update on Santa Barbara Foundation and Children's Resource & Referral's PPE supplies distribution:**

Supply delivery should be as soon as next week. Funding sources came from the Dept of Social Services, SB Foundation and CR&R had some left-over dollars from one of the original distributions and reallocated some funds. The supply bank was able to get good prices for our county on needed products.

**C. Child Development Permit process and identifying Professional Growth Advisors:**

SBCEO is compiling the Professional Growth Advisors list. We will send out the completed list on Monday March 29<sup>th</sup>.

D. CCPC's participation in Child Abuse Prevention Month:

We are going to do an in-depth participation for Child Abuse Prevention Month. We will be passing out the pinwheels with the 10 Parenting Tips in April. We want to have some in the ground at Hope School and SBCEO office and hopefully at County Ed in North County. The Salvation Army food pantry will also pass some out.

**VII. Proclamation – Advocacy for early Care & Education**

The new lead for COAT, Robin Palmerston, is working on the Proclamation for the City of Santa Barbara. I will make a follow-up call to Robin to see where she is at with the process.

We will print some and create a link on the website. SB Foundation is talking about the Director's Collaborative. There is an article coming out soon. The Proclamation will be shared with Steering Committee.

**VIII. Coordinator's Report – Official Report as part of record**

Update on open & closed programs

SMBSD moving from hybrid to in person starting April 12<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be a couple of days a week. Raquel had sent out a survey to families concerning returning to school. We have not received the survey results yet.

Preparing for the return of in-person classes

- TK-12
- ECE programs
  - Private programs are going to stay where they are for this year. They are not yet ready to expand their enrollment. State programs are not allowed to enroll TK children.
  - Projections for summer and fall enrollment
    - Summer enrollment update – children are not choosing to do summer camp. They are happy where they are and feel safe and can trust the programs will not be shutting down.
    - Fall enrollment & Effects on TK in the fall – not discussed

**IX. Public Policy Review**

Legislative updates will be emailed out. There has not been much change.

**X. Council Meeting Planning**

- Needs Assessment – LPC is hoping we can present the Needs Assessment in April if everybody agrees. Comments are positive from our printers. The page length will be approximately 40 pages compared to 53 last time. Needs Assessment will be shared with Steering Committee.
- Public Recognition - We discussed giving honor to our providers in May. Jacqui is available to work on a video. We can distribute it to everybody and possibly reach out to the media and distribute it to our centers. We will have to get consent to do this.

Ideas included asking Gregg Hart, Das Williams, and other well-known people in the community to participate and thank teachers. Speaking with the County about doing something, including Lompoc; and going to the Board of Supervisors and have them ask the County to support this. Tandra to follow up on this.

**XI. Other Business/Announcements:**

SB Foundation is donating \$1000 to Child Care Planning Council to help support people applying for their permit for the first time.

**XII. Adjournment:** Vice Chair, Jacqui Banta, adjourned the meeting at 2:41pm