



Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council
Steering Committee Meeting
March 24, 2022, from 2:30 – 3:30 pm (date change)
Minutes - via Zoom

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

Members Absent: Lorraine Neenan, Raquel Valdez

Staff Present: Christian Patterson, Shelley Trost

Handouts: Agenda, Proposed Minutes for February 24, 2022, Budget Report

I. Call to Order & Welcome

Chair, Michelle Graham, called the meeting to order at 2:29 pm.

II. Public Comment Period

No public comment.

III. Approval of Minutes of February 24, 2022

Janelle Willis moved to **approve the minutes of February 24, 2022**. Sharol Viker seconded the motion. **MSC**

IV. CCPC Grant Updates

Local Planning Council Grant

Of the \$61,441 grant, we have approximately \$5,000 remaining that will be spent on the Teacher Appreciation journals. This grant is spent down.

Santa Barbara Foundation/ECE Leadership Grant

We started with \$15,000, after our leadership training in April, this grant is spent down.

Workforce Pathways Grant

We have a balance on this grant of \$64,500 which will be allocated to stipend awards in May/June.

- First 5 SB has a balance of \$18,161 which will be used for DLL stipends in May/June

V. Coordinator's Report – included in official record

A. Overall updates

- Christian has been attending the DLL Community of Practice for the last two months.
- We are excited to have a potential opportunity to work with Audacious Foundation, Adrianna Foss, to plan a retreat for directors, next fall. This would connect with the Director's Collaboration.
- We met with Allan Hancock College and Santa Barbara City College regarding the California Apprenticeship Initiative Grant. If we do receive funding from this grant, AHC is considering partnering with us. SBCC is not certain so we will reach out to them again. Discussion.
- The Kindergarten Readiness Network stopped meeting during the pandemic. They started up their meetings again March 15th. If you are interested in attending, the next meeting is being held on April 19th at 3:30 pm.

B. LPC Membership Renewal

- We have heard back from all members whose terms were ending June 30, 2022. All would like to renew for another two-year term. Raquel would like to step down from Steering at this time but will stay on Child Care Planning Council.
- Lorraine's term as Past Chair will end on June 30, 2022. Lorraine will stay on council.
- Jacqui will release her seat as Vice Chair and run for Chair-Elect.

- We will need to fill the positions of Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer.
- With Sharol retiring, Michelle Robertson from First 5 Santa Barbara will replace her. An alternate will need to be assigned once Sharol's position is filled at First 5 SB.
- Our office will reach out by email to Council to ask for Steering Committee nominations as well as Council member interest or nominations.
- Discussion. Christian suggested a few people that might be valuable on the Council. Maggie Suarez - AHC, Yukiko Irie - Cottage Hospital, Elizabeth Adams - SBCEO. He will send an invitation to them to see if they are interested.

VI. UPK Updates and Discussion

Janelle and Carla Benchoff held a meeting on 3/16 and have another meeting scheduled for 03/29 from 10-11:30 am.

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

We discussed meeting in person beginning in September. Christian has a few ideas for the next fiscal year. In the upcoming year, we would like to utilize more council members to present. We would also like to highlight some of the outside vendors that have valuable insights. Discussion about bringing in art therapist, Ana Reiner, for the retreat in September. This would be something hands on and fun.

Barb Finch will present Child Abuse Prevention Month at our April meeting.

VIII. Public Policy Review – Report in official record

SB878 – Amends existing law requiring students be given free transportation to and from their neighborhood school. This would be effective 1/1/2023. It includes reimbursement for LEAs for providing the transportation for preschool or nursery school pupils.

SB952 – Would establish the Expanding Culture & Language Learning to grow capacity for high-quality dual language learning in preschools through 12th grade. It awards at least twenty one-time grants, up to \$750,000 per grant, to school districts, COEs and CSPPs.

IX. Other Business/Announcements:

Sharol – F5SB is going to open their capacity building grants and innovation grants in the end of April. This is the third round of funding. We will ask LPC to send information out. These will be very specialized in equity and diversity

X. Adjournment

Chair, Michelle Graham, adjourned the meeting at 3:04 pm.