

**Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council**  
**Steering Committee Meeting**  
**May 26, 2021, Minutes - via Zoom**

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

**Members Absent:** Lorraine Neenan, Michelle Graham

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

**Handouts:** Agenda, Proposed Minutes for April 30, 2021, Fiscal Reports

**I. Call to Order & Welcome**

Vice chair, Jacqui Banta, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

**II. Public Comment Period**

There was no public comment

**III. Approval of Minutes of April 30, 2021**

Janelle Willis moved to **approve the minutes of April 30, 2021**. Jacqui Banta seconded the motion. **MSC**

**IV. CCPC Grant Updates**

a. Local Planning Council Grant

The Call-to-Action brochure has been completed and we printed 500 to start.

b. Santa Barbara Foundation's ECE Leadership Grant

The grant has been spent down as planned.

c. Workforce Pathways Grant

We are currently processing the stipends. We have 94 applicants approved. Between 10-15 either withdrew or were incomplete. Several people were able to receive a larger stipend by moving from General Professional Development to either specialized Dual Language Learners or Inclusive Practices pathways. We will be sending out a survey soon for reporting purposes. Monica really helped as a Professional Growth Advisor. Our system for attendance in Workforce Registry worked really well. Some organizations are slow to enter attendance so we had a little bit of trouble with proof of training. Discussion.

**V. Review Local Planning Council Budget**

The Local Planning Council budget will remain the same for fiscal year 2021-22.

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

Messaging through COAT

a. COAT has begun work on the Strategic Plan now that the Call-to-Action brochure is complete.

b. Needs Assessment – We were waiting for one chart to be completed which is now done. Once that graph is inserted, we are ready for print. We will print in June.

Other current countywide needs – We are working on advocating for ECE with our Board of Supervisors for the American Rescue Plan funds. Infrastructure and Capacity Building were the two topics we are advocating for. Recovery is the goal. We hope to present at the Board of Supervisor's meeting in June.

- VII. Membership Updates & Outreach:** Candidates for fiscal year 2021-22 include: Ciara Main, Robin Palmerston (Robin has already submitted her application), Shannon from Betteravia has been recommended. Taundra to follow-up with Shannon. We will formally ask Bridget Baublits to come on as a member. Blanche Holford joined Consortium. Melynda Velasquez could be an alternate for Holly. Elaine Weber from First 5 – represents adult education, DLL, and P-3.
- VIII. Coordinator’s Report – included in official record**  
There is a lot going on right now. Centers and FCCs are in a more stable and balanced place. We are gearing up for summer and enrollment for the fall.
- IX. 2021-22 Projections and Planning**  
The question was asked regarding what do we want to focus on moving into fall? There are many legislative items coming out on early care and education. Nothing is changing at the district level for Santa Maria Bonita School District. The workforce has questions about credentials. Discussion included what it will look like if preschools become transitional kindergarten. We also discussed education and pathways for teachers, professional growth advisors vs permitting and what credentials are required for each. We will be offering a professional growth advisor and child care permit training soon. We are hoping to expand to family child cares and get them on the permit track.
- X. Public Policy Review**  
There are a lot of items on the Legislative agenda right now that have to do with child care. Taundra will share the legislation agenda with Steering. Part C starting at #3 – you will see a lot of child care items. We want to watch what we support and still remain an advocate for our sites. We need to create a plan to support our professionals. Discussion. We need to be supportive to families and wherever the children are. We need to be on the front lines and help be decision makers.
- XI. Other Business/Announcements:**
- The September retreat was discussed. The plan right now is in person but we may be able to do a hybrid model. We will make solid plans in August when we resume our Steering Committee meetings after summer break.
  - Sharol shared that we have another opportunity for a DLL grant. There are about six funders who have a strong interest in DLL. These are designed for the P-3 alignment. They are high funders. There will be ten grants across the State of CA. A Letter of Intent should be submitted first and then applications in late summer/early fall.
- XII. Adjournment:** Vice chair, Jacqui Banta, adjourned the meeting at 2:54pm