

Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council
Steering Committee Meeting
August 25, 2021, Minutes - via Zoom

Members Present: Jacqui Banta, Michelle Graham, Lorraine Neenan, Sharol Viker

Members Absent: Raquel Valdez, Janelle Willis

Staff present: Taundra Pitchford, Shelley Trost

Handouts: Agenda, Proposed Minutes for May 26, 2021

I. Call to Order & Welcome

Chair, Lorraine Neenan, called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.

II. Public Comment Period

There was no public comment

III. Approval of Minutes of May 26, 2021

Jacqui Banta moved to **approve the minutes of May 26, 2021**. Michelle Graham seconded the motion. **MSC**

IV. CCPC Grant Updates

a. Local Planning Council Grant

Nothing spent yet on the LPC grant except salaries.

b. Santa Barbara Foundation's ECE Leadership Grant

We have closed out last year's grant. We received an additional \$1000 to help teachers pay for the Child Development Permit. We have five applicants that have shown interest.

c. Workforce Pathways Grant

The Workforce Pathways application and requirements have been reviewed. We will discuss updates at WALDO Committee. If approved by WALDO, we will send it out soon.

- Supplemental Dual Language Learner Grant

We will be offering two five-part series trainings both in English & Spanish. This qualifies for the DLL pathway. We will be completing this series by early December. This is Personalized Oral Language Learning (POLL). It has been done in Channel Islands and Fresno. Discussion.

V. Membership Updates & Outreach:

The proposed 2021-22 membership composition was presented.

LuAnn Miller, Florene Bednersh, and Theresa Embry have stepped down. Susan Cass is unable to continue on Council. To date, Robin Palmerston and Beth Hassenplug have applied. Interest from Teresa Saviers from CommUnify, Serineh Vartani from IVYP and Maria Lopez & Alicia Jimenez from Storyteller. Elaine Weber is showing interest from Lompoc Unified.

LuAnn was Discretionary Appointee, Theresa Embry was Discretionary Appointee, Florene was Public Agency, Susan Cass was Child Care Provider.

Beth would be Child Care Provider, Robin would be a Community Member

Discussion on how many are voting members. Quorum requires the majority of council.

VI. Coordinator's Report – included in official record

a. Overall updates:

New employees, Charmaine Hauber will be collecting data. Lupita Cervantes is a new coach in our south office.

We hosted a training for Child Development Permit and Professional Growth Advisor last week. We sent out a survey to identify those that want to be in more of a leadership role with Quality Counts. If you have anyone looking for a PGA, please refer them to us.

- b. State of Early Learning & Care in our County Emergency Child Care Initiative Survey Results
We are currently compiling the information from this survey and Taundra would like to share the results at the retreat. An agreed decision was made to present the data.
- c. CA Guidance during COVID-19 Reflection
Ventura created a COVID guidance bulletin. Discussion. CRR did a lot of the one-pagers and we're thankful for that. Do we want to bring this into the retreat? Discussion.

AARPA Committee was discussed. We are making requests for funding. The Board of Supervisors is looking for outcomes. How do we address lack of space? Consultants want a large amount of the money to go to an emergency plan and we feel the providers and children come first. Discussion. Should Susan Salcido & Gregg Hart be involved on our behalf? We will need to work on system building. This is a three-year plan. We need to be specific about the first year and what the outcomes might be. After three years we have to be sustainable. We want to focus more on what COVID has done to the industry and what our ideas are to bring change. We've had to create data as we go. We will meet again on Friday, August 27th.

VII. 2021-22 Retreat Planning – Retreat will be held from 9am-12pm

- Installation of Officers. Slate of Officers will be presented.
- Lorraine will conduct the swearing in of Officers.
- Lorraine swears in new members – introduces them and then council votes.
- We will create a document of new members bios and share it out to council via email asking them to review the document and be prepared to vote new members in by Zoom live poll.
- Do we want to do a presentation of the results of the survey?
- An upbeat keynote speaker was discussed. Suggestions included Michelle Grant Groves and Terri Allison?
- Lorraine recommended Dr. Leone Mattison the new Chief Operations Officer of CommUnify. She is an author and speaker, and was a head start parent. Lorraine will ask her if she is interested and will let Steering know.
- For the Committees section – we would like to keep everybody in the same room rather than break out rooms. Sharol Viker was asked to facilitate the committee portion of the retreat. The planning part, creating the action plans by jam boards. That way everybody can hear and give feedback on all committees and make an informed decision on where to be involved.
- A second meeting was set to finalize the retreat plans. September 1st 3-4pm.

VIII. Public Policy Review

Taundra will send out public policy by email.

IX. Other Business/Announcements:

None.

X. Adjournment

Chair, Lorraine Neenan, adjourned the meeting at 4:40pm