

Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council
Steering Committee Meeting
September 23, 2020 Minutes - via Zoom

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

Staff present: Taundra Pitchford, Shelley Trost

Handouts: Agenda, Proposed Minutes from August 26, 2020, Committee Preliminary Activity Plans, CCPC Meeting Calendar, New Member Applications (Artesia Carlon, Holly Harvan, Franky Viveros)

I. Call to Order & Welcome

Chair, Lorraine Neenan, called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

II. Public Comment Period

No public comment.

III. Approval of Minutes of August 26, 2020

Janelle Willis moved to **approve the minutes of August 26, 2020**. Michelle Graham seconded the motion. **MSC**

IV. Review Membership and Approval of New Members

Franky Viveros – Child Care Provider

Holly Harvan – Parent Consumer

Artesia Carlon – Discretionary Appointee

Susan Cass expressed interest

Maribel expressed interest

Applications were received for Franky, Holly and Artesia. Steering recommended approval for these three and presenting them to Council. We will follow-up with Susan and Maribel.

V. Review Preliminary Committee Action Plans – part of official record

COAT – The Call to Action Brochure is almost complete. We will post it on the website for now and print a small amount. We will send it out electronically, until the Shelter in Place Order is lifted.

Facilities – Providence campus is opening and will house over 100 children. Some sites are closing. We were fortunate to open new sites. Raquel has two Title 1 sites. One has 36 and the other has 15 enrolled. They are being served virtually. They are following the lead of the school district.

Jacqui reported in January 2020 we had 356 FCCs open and now have 257 open. There were 162 child care sites open in January and we currently have 60 open. We have a total of 317 sites open county wide – 216 in north county and 101 in south county. License exempt sites were 46 total and now we have three open.

Twenty-seven waivers were submitted and 20 have been approved. Cold Springs & Montecito were on the list. The rest were private schools.

ICCAT – We met one time this new fiscal year. Nanette Brown would like to be a committee member. We will reach out to her.

Needs Assessment/Strategic Plan – Holly Goldberg continues to collect data for us. She is waiting for one more piece, then we will begin designing and pulling all the pieces together. CCCCA is discussing a new template possibly being sent out. The data is going to look very different this year. We have to ensure the COVID numbers are included.

WALDO – We are scheduled to meet October 7th to review last year’s activity plan and make decisions for this year. We have accomplished quite a bit even during COVID. WALDO will be doing some Workforce development work. First 5SB is prepared to offer CCPC some money to work on this. We are updating our committee list and the Activity Plan.

VI. Coordinator’s Report – Included in official records. Highlights Included:

- We are making a shift in how we function in the LPC office. Currently, everything is under the umbrella of CCPC. However, many of the grants are not CCPC grants. We are going to differentiate between grants. SB Foundation, LPC and Workforce Pathways work will continue to come from the sbcccpc@sbceo.org email address. All other work/grants will come through Shelley’s personal email strost@sbceo.org.
- We continue to work with the Director’s collaborative. Licensing is having a meeting tomorrow with Public Health. It is good to have them communicate with the directors.
- Public Health task force is meeting every other Friday.
- The Transitional Youth Summit is being held on October 28th. More information will be coming.

VII. CCPC Grants – Budget reports were emailed out and are part of the official records

- **LPC Grant** – We are just getting underway using this grant.
- **SB Foundation** – We have Leadership 1 and 2 scheduled with Peace Literacy in October. Santa Barbara Foundation has discussed how they can help with professional development opening up grant opportunities. CAC has a good training budget and will discuss this with First 5 SB.
- **Workforce Pathways Grant** – The Workforce Pathways teacher application is getting ready to be distributed. We are waiting on the GAN from the state before spending. When we go, we will focus on Education, Cares Plus and professional development. PD will be more focused. There is no retention award this year through Workforce Pathways grant. Supplemental awards will be granted for degree attainment.

VIII. Review LPC Budget – We will be creating a plan for the LPC budget soon.

IX. Public Policy –

a. CDE Updates

LPC Guidance to come out in the next month. The LPC survey was just completed. We are working with WestEd to see how to circulate LPC information and what we are working on. We may work with the SBCEO Communications Dept to create something along the lines of “What has Santa Barbara LPC Done?” SB County has really been acknowledged for the work that is being done here. Some counties are not involved with their F5 and CRR. Partnerships are key.

Data discussed - Dept of Social Services data is being housed in the LEAs. It will show the importance of early care & education.

b. COVID-19 Updates & Public Health

SBCEO and Public Health held a COVID exposure training about a week ago and it was great. Approximately 70 people were on the call. It was very well done and really helpful. They spoke about what we are doing, and tracking was good. They asked child care questions.

Taundra Pitchford and Jacqui Banta were on a call with Public Health and were able to share some of the questions we had.

c. **Community Outreach**

We are being encouraged us to have more COVID testing done. Our county did not have enough tests in a certain amount of time. K-12 is requiring testing in order to open again.

X. Council Meeting Planning for October

The Council meeting calendar was discussed for October. It was decided that SBCEO, Janelle Willis, will present The Many Faces of COVID. We discussed Centers and FCCs and their different challenges to reopening.

At the October Steering meeting we will discuss January and February CCPC meeting plans. A Possible January topic "Talking to Young Children about Racism".

XI. Other Business/Announcements

Nine people were sent to the Inclusion Collaboration Conference this week courtesy of the IEEEEP grant.

Taundra has an all-day conference on October 28th and asked that we change the next Steering Committee date to October 26th from 2-4 p.m. All agreed.

XII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Vision Statement: We envision a community that values all children and their families.

Mission Statement: We lead and collaborate in planning, coordinating, and advocating for quality, affordable, accessible, early care and education for all children and families in Santa Barbara County.