

Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council
Steering Committee Meeting
September 29, 2021, Minutes - via Zoom

Members Present: Michelle Graham, Jacqui Banta, Sharol Viker, Janelle Willis, Raquel Valdez, Lorraine Neenan (3pm)

Members Absent: None

Staff present: Taundra Pitchford, Shelley Trost

Handouts: Agenda, Proposed Minutes for August 25, 2021

I. Call to Order & Welcome

Chair, Michelle Graham, called the meeting to order at 2:05pm

II. Public Comment Period

There was no public comment

III. Approval of Minutes of August 25, 2021

Janelle Willis moved to **approve the minutes of August 25, 2021**. Jacqui Banta seconded the motion. **MSC**

IV. CCPC Grant Updates

Local Planning Council Grant

We are beginning to spend on the LPC grant. Other than salary, Dr. Mattison was hired for the CCPC retreat on September 8th. We are hoping that we can meet in person beginning in January and do a special meeting for council members. We will check the guidelines of the grant to see what is allowed. LPC has received an extension until February 2022 to hold virtual meetings.

Santa Barbara Foundation's ECE Leadership Grant

As mentioned previously, we received \$1,000 to help with Child Care Permit expenses and any charges related to that. We have five people that have applied for this.

Waldo has not yet completed a plan for Leadership this year. We will report what we have when it is completed.

Workforce Pathways Grant

Applications are beginning to come in. October 31st is the deadline for submission of applications. We may reach out to other organizations to request additional funding to help contribute to the program. We are holding PITC Cohorts again this year. There are four areas of focus under professional development plus the education category, which can include degree attainment. Stipends range from \$300-\$500 with ways to receive a larger stipend. What differentiates the Workforce Pathways stipend from AB212 is applicants work with a professional growth advisor to create a training plan.

- **Supplemental Dual Language Learner Grant**

- The supplemental Dual Language Learner grant from First 5 Santa Barbara allows us to offer two five-part DLL series in both English & Spanish that will qualify a person for the DLL pathway. We started both series in September. Discussion about POLL and GLAD.

V. Membership Updates & Outreach

a. Proposed 2021-22 membership composition

The 2021-22 roster was discussed along with the category placement of members. Alternates will be updated.

- b. Committee updates
Committees are starting to meet. Some have sent in their 2021-22 activity plan. We expect others to follow up in October.

VI. Coordinator's Report – included in official record

Overall updates

Dept. of Social Services held a meeting to discuss sites. Some statistics included CSPPs not operating at full capacity. Some are intentionally under capacity to encourage distancing. Families are asking for remote learning again, but sites do not have the capacity for this. APP is being a little more flexible with the different variants happening at sites. Discussion included APP, substitute teachers and license exemptions. SB County has a total of 381 licensed active and open Family Child Care. We have 95 FCC sites which equates to approximately 11,000 children. There are five inactive licensed FCCs in the county for various reasons. Not all are operating at full capacity. Title 5 centers are being allowed exemption status.

California Child Care Coordinators' Association Conference

CCCCA would like to collect data for Priority and Needs Assessments in the future. Where are the TK facilities going to come from? P-3 was discussed. How do we create an effective pipeline of professionals where some teachers will be moving up to third grade teaching so we can recover lost valuable staff for the 0–5-year-olds?

AARPA Committee – We are moving forward to apply for ARPA funds. Holly Goldberg emailed items for review. We are focusing on stipends and emergency system data. We need to develop an eligibility process. Logo posting was also discussed.

Licensed Child Care Facility Stabilization Stipends

There is money being released that falls under ARPA funds which can cause confusion. The \$525 stipend to child cares has been released. There is also a \$600 licensing stipend coming soon. There is a DSS stipend and another \$500 for unlicensed sites if licensed before June 25, 2021. Discussion about the multiple surveys circulating right now.

A new Quality Counts manager that was hired in our office and a new coach, Maria Cervantes.

VII. 2021-22 Training/Activities Planning

The team put together a plan for the next three months.

October's presentation will be Funding Sources, November will cover the Staffing Pipeline and Options. December is winter break. January we will present a Picture of P-3.

VIII. Public Policy Review

Public policy will be pretty quiet until January.

IX. Other Business/Announcements:

Jacqui – CRR discussed their meeting with WIC and the Heart to Home Resource Closet. They are looking into doing a diaper drive with Mother's Helpers organization. Discussion.

X. Adjournment

Chair, Michelle Graham, adjourned the meeting at 3:45pm