



The Santa Cruz County Child Care Planning Council
El Consejo de Planeación de Cuidado Infantil del Condado de Santa Cruz
www.childcareplanning.org

MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 19, 2006, 2:30-4:30 P.M.
County Office of Education, **Ocean/Pacific Room**
809-H Bay Avenue, Capitola, CA

Members Present: Naomi Brauner, Elizabeth Chavez, Leslie Cheung, Sandy Davie, Larry Drury, Julie Edwards, Laura Gallardo, Wilma Gold, Barbara Griffin, Elaine Henning, Jim Hopper, Linda Kishlansky, Katie LeBaron, Kathy Mello, Marilyn Moore, Michele Mosher, Ellen Ortiz, Diane Oyler, Tricia Pastor, Jody Pemberton, and Nicole Young.

Excused Absences: Wesley Van Camp, Maria Castro, Michele Mosher, Jean Gardner, Ann Wise

Unexcused Absences: Irene Freiberg, Claudia Vestal

Members of the Public Present: Vicki Boriack (First 5 Santa Cruz County), Vicki Coffis (Cabrillo College), Ellen Murtha (ChildCare Ventures) and Rob Mullen (Coastal Community Preschool).

Staff Present: Hiranya Brewer, Sita Moon, and Carole Mulford

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Wilma Gold called the meeting to order at 2:37. Members and guests introduced themselves.

II. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

III. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Quorum established

IV. APPROVAL OF JUNE, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

June minutes: Approved without corrections

August minutes: Approved with correction from Linda Kishlansky

September minutes: Approved with correction from Ellen Ortiz

V. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Tricia Pastor announced an open position for a Master Teacher at an afterschool program with Live Oak School District.
- Tricia Pastor also informed the council about a BA program available through Hispanic University, which can now serve local Spanish speaking cohorts of students in our area who would like to pursue their degree in ECE in Spanish.
- Ellen Murtha announced that the Centralized Services Project of ChildCare Ventures is starting its bulk-buying program. They expect to begin the program with the purchase of non-toxic cleaning supplies and other “green” products.

VI. LETTERS OF SUPPORT

No letters were requested.

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VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Chair Wilma Gold announced the date and location of the first CCPC member social gathering for networking and sharing. It will take place at Michael's On Main, 4 to 6 pm, Friday, October 27th. A flier was distributed.
- Wilma also announced that Rebecca Garcia has resigned from the council due to time constraints. This leaves an open seat in the Discretionary category.

VIII. STAFF REPORT

- CCPC coordinator Hiranya Brewer updated the council on the success of the CCPC's new AB212 program, a professional development and retention program for CDE funded child care program staff. An intensive, half-day training was provided for directors and staff of CDE funded centers countywide. Held at the Cabrillo Horticulture Center on September 30, 2006, the training was well received and well attended. It is the first of a series of trainings that will be offered by the Planning Council in collaboration with a cohort of directors and staff who have helped to plan and conduct the trainings.
- COE Child Development Department manager Carole Mulford described the plan for the upcoming regional meetings sponsored by the California County Superintendents Educational Service Association (CCSESA) that will be held throughout the fall and winter across the state. The purpose of the meetings is to support continued county leadership on preschool planning and the expansion of high quality programs through strategic partnerships that align counties with local, regional and statewide preschool policy and funding opportunities. Carole also mentioned, with regards to the new Preschool expansion funding (AB172), that in our county, only PVUSD will be able to apply for this funding as eligible contractors must be located in enrollment areas for schools with Academic Performance Index scores of 1 through 3.

IX. APPROVE CCPC BUDGET FOR FY 2006-2007

The Council reviewed and voted on the CCPC program budget for Fiscal Year 06-07. Hiranya explained recent changes in the system of contract reimbursement for CCPC and AB212 contracts. Because the CCPC will be reimbursed for expenditures rather than receiving the full lump sum up front, interest will not be earned by the CCPC on this contract and thus the budget has thus been adjusted accordingly.

Motion to approve: Jim Hopper

Second: Marilyn Moore

Vote: Budget was unanimously approved

X. COMMITTEE ORAL REPORTS

a) AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS CONSORTIUM

Barbara Griffin reported on the first meeting of the Afterschool Programs Consortium. Attendance was good, and there is hope that there will be more participation from school district personnel in the future. Minutes can be found on the CCPC website under the "Agendas and Minutes" page.

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b) ECE CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

- Hiranya announced that Michele Mosher and Janine Canada will act as co-coordinators for this year's conference. The conference will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2006 at the Cabrillo College Aptos campus.
- Hiranya met with the board of the Central Coast Association for the Education of Young Children (CCAAYC) in Monterey and received information about creating a local CCAAYC affiliate council for Santa Cruz County. Hiranya volunteered to be the liaison between this local affiliate and the regional board, which would allow our county to have access to CCAAYC resources for professional development activities in our county. The Conference Planning Committee will act as the Local Affiliate Council to the regional board of CCAAYC

c) POLICY AND LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE/LEG. UPDATE

- Naomi Brauner reported on the recent efforts of the Policy committee:
 - The committee is working in conjunction with the Scotts Valley City Council to improve local ordinances affecting the establishment of family child care homes in Scotts Valley.
 - The committee will be reviewing the 2006 Priorities Report and beginning to develop recommendations for the 2007 report.
 - The Committee is also looking at developing an advocacy platform for the Council to adopt. A draft will be presented to the Council in the near future.
 - In preparation for making recommendations to the City of Santa Cruz as it updates its General Plan, the Policy Committee is reviewing the current Santa Cruz City General Plan and comparing it to West Sacramento's General Plan which includes a stand alone element focused on child care. Santa Cruz City is hosting a meeting to invite public comment which is scheduled for December 14 from 7-10 PM at the Santa Cruz Police Department.
- Jim Hopper gave a presentation on recent legislative actions that affect children and child care. To view a summary of bills from the 2006 legislative session, visit the "Committees" page of the CCPC website.
- Diane Oyler announced that Community Care Licensing is planning to discontinue licensing orientations in our county. The Child Development Resource Center has volunteered to sponsor orientations when there are 12 participants signed up and to request a consultant to offer a local orientation. The lack of local orientations would create a hardship and act as a deterrent to providers seeking to become licensed.

d) SUBSIDIZED PROGRAMS CONSORTIUM

Diane Oyler reported that the committee has fine-tuned its 06-07 goals, which can be viewed on the Agendas and Minutes page of the CCPC website. This committee will request that information from the Policy Committee be shared with the Subsidized Programs Consortium because so much of the work done in this committee is affected by current legislation.

e) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Hiranya reported on the committee's efforts to create a universal professional development planning tool that teachers and child care providers can use to plan their educational and professional pursuits. This tool would ensure that each person has the guidelines, information and documentation they need in order to plan and carry out their future professional development activities.

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XI. CENTRALIZED ELIGIBILITY LIST (CEL) PRESENTATION

Elaine Henning and Ellen Ortiz of the Voucher Project gave a PowerPoint presentation on the status and functions of the CEL. Traditionally a child care provider will keep a list of children waiting to enroll. Waiting lists are common to subsidized child care and development programs, to Head Start Programs, and to Alternative Payment Programs. The CEL is a system that combines all of these separate lists, eliminates duplicates, and allows subsidized child development providers in the system to access children that are eligible for their programs. The term "eligibility" is used because families are ranked by eligibility factors for subsidized care (income, size, and need), not just time on the list.

XII. FIRST 5 SC COUNTY'S EARLY LITERACY FOUNDATIONS INITIATIVE

First 5 Program Officer Vicki Boriack presented the new Early Literacy Foundations Program for early childhood educators. This fall First 5 is launching a 3-year program that will use an early literacy curriculum out of Minnesota called SEEDS. Applications for Mentors have been distributed. 8 coaches will receive intensive training before being assigned 5 to 7 mentees each. Mentees will meet for 15 weeks for seminars and Make-and-Take classes. The coaches will be working on-site with the mentees to support them in their own environments. Coaches must make a time commitment prior to starting program and will receive stipends as well as hourly pay. Mentees will receive stipends as well. There is a component for Entry level participants and a Family, Friend, and Neighbor component that will be linked to the Growing, Learning and Caring (GLC) program.

XIII. PATH TO INCLUSION COLLABORATIVE (PTIC)

Linda Kishlansky reported on the efforts to date of the Path to Inclusion Collaborative. She mentioned that the collaborative had evolved into an independent, countywide group, with staff support from First 5 and linkages to the Child Care Planning Council and the Children's Network. The collaborative is in the process of developing its protocols. Work has begun on developing a brochure, action plan, and possibly a mini-conference on collaborative inclusion. More information to follow.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Carole Mulford announced that she will waive the fee for interested CCPC members to attend the next CPIN Regional meeting/workshop.
- Ellen announced a meeting this evening of the Child Care Developer Loan Fees Loan program.
- Marilyn Moore announced a meeting on Cal Works/TANF.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 9, 2:30-4:30 @ the COE Board Room