



The Santa Cruz County Child Care Planning Council
El Consejo de Planeación de Cuidado Infantil del Condado de Santa Cruz
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MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, August 14, 2008, 2:30-4:30P.M.

Location: Cabrillo College ECE Room 1508

6500 Soquel Dr., Aptos, CA 95003

Members present: Naomi Brauner, Ellen Murtha, Ellen Ortiz, Tricia Pastor Cross; Elaine Henning, Sita Moon, Rob Mullen, Therese Valdez, Christine Furlanic, Nicole Young, Ann Wise, Elizabeth Chavez, Sandy Davie, Irene Freiberg, Claudia Vestal, Alma Martinez, Maria Castro, David Brown

Members Absent: Larry Drury, Michelle Mosher, Jean Gallagher-Heil, Wilma Gold, Barbara Griffin, Linda Kishlansky

Guests Present: Jessica Roa, Christine Kalinowski, Susan True, Celia Organista, Gabriella Lopez-Chavez, Cynthia Wells, Jerri Winner

Staff Present: Diane Oyler, Carole Mulford

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting called to order at 2:34 p.m. by Ellen Murtha

II. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Additional items: None

III. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Quorum established.

IV. PRESCHOOL PLAN UPDATE

a) PRESCHOOL STEERING COMMITTEE

Carole Mulford encouraged members to use the CCPC website to be informed and prepared for meetings. The purpose of this committee is to create an actual countywide plan for funded preschool in our county. The project is funded by the David and Lucille Packard Foundation in partnership with First 5 and COE. An advisory council will be brought together, as well as work groups to plan for countywide funded preschool once money becomes available. Thursdays after the CCPC meeting will be the usual meeting times for the workgroups.

Angela Irvine, Principal of Ceres Policy Research, and staff have already begun collecting data.



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b) **WORK GROUP AND ADVISORY COUNCIL SELECTION PROCESS**

Experts from the community will be selected to chair work groups. Chairs will be paid positions. Interested people can submit their names to the CCPC.

Advisory Council members will meet three times this year to offer oversight of the preschool plan. Representatives from community based organizations will review objectives and outcomes from work groups. **WORKGROUP OBJECTIVES AND COLLABORATORS**

Ellen M. covered the suggested workforce groups and their responsibilities. Volunteers for each work group can join immediately. The role of chair will be a paid position and will have the responsibility of meeting with Angela, the coordinator and writing up the recommendations of the workgroup. Naomi asked the Council to think about how people would give input to committees that they are not on.

Diane Oyler circulated sign up sheets to allow people to add names to the committee lists.

The CCPC committees that will continue are Subsidized Programs Consortium, After School Programs, ECE Conference committees. There are also adhoc committees that the Council will continue to report on, Infant/Toddler Consortium and the Path To Inclusion Collaborative Committee's which will meet quarterly. These committees will have opportunities to report out at CCPC meetings as needed.

V. **REVIEW MONTHLY MEETING FORMAT AND SCHEDULE**

The Executive Committee proposed changes in the meeting format and content in order to find time to spend in the work groups. There will be a consent agenda which will have items to review in advance. If anything needs further discussion, that item can be added to the regular agenda. Unless Council decision, discussion or resources are needed, much of the Council's work will be posted online, in advance of meetings and approved through the consent agenda. Also proposed was the elimination of presentations. The format and content changes are only for Sept 08' June '09. These changes were discussed and agreed to. Irene Freiberg will begin taking the CCPC monthly meeting minutes next month. If members notice



changes that should be made in the minutes, those changes can be given to Diane Oylar and she will communicate with Irene or make the changes and handle posting them to the website.

Since time will be limited, Irene requests that the CCPC meetings, as well as the workgroups start right on time, so people won't have to work too late.

- VI. LETTERS OF SUPPORT - The Council will consider letters of support that have been requested and take action.

The City of Santa Cruz has made a decision to de-fund a program called Community Children's Center, which has been located at the Loudon Nelson Center in for the past 30 years. The director, Ellen Richter has asked that they be given the entire year to bring their enrollment up to capacity and look for other funding sources. Marilyn Moore motioned to send the letter of support to Santa Cruz City Council. Elaine Henning seconded. Unanimous vote in favor.

- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Rob Mullen announced that Julie Olsen Edwards will accept the Vision and Voice Award at the ECE Conference in October.

Tricia announced that she has openings for 9 after school instructional aides in the Child Development Programs at Live Oak School District.

Elizabeth Chavez announced SPIN's Community Awards Ceremony on August 23rd. They are also having training on Assistive Technology on August 30th.

David Brown has moved into a different position at HSD and will have to step down from the CCPC. Another person has not yet been assigned.

Maria Casto will be teaching an ECE 170 class in Watsonville in Spanish which will begin the process of making the CDA credential available in our community.

Ellen Murtha described the IDA accounts offered by the Santa Cruz Community Credit Union. There is a grant for 64 new accounts. Participants must qualify by being referred by certain community agencies. They save towards a specific goal and their savings are matched 1 to 1 when their goal is attained.



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Diane Oyler announced the scholarship fund which has been started in memory of Toni Nagle. Donations will be used to provide funds for ECE students to complete their education at Cabrillo College.

Marilyn Moore announced that Community Bridges is now operating the Fairgrounds Child Development Center.

Carole Mulford announced that COE is now operating a preschool for autistic children.

VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee consists of Ellen Murtha, Larry Drury and Ellen Ortiz, as well as Diane Oyler and Carole Mulford. The past meeting was used to design the proposed changes for the new meeting format.

IX. STAFF REPORT

Diane met with the Board of Supervisors where they approved the new Santa Cruz County Master Plan of the Child Care Planning Council. It is now ready to go to print and will be available for distribution soon.

Diane attended a Planning Council Coordinator's meeting in Sacramento yesterday and there was much discussion about the budget. Many programs are being impacted by the slow progress of the budget, but the CCPC has received its contract for this year.

Diane and Naomi Brauner attended the City of Capitola's Housing Element development meeting facilitated by David Foster to encourage the City of Capitola to insert language regarding child care into their housing element plan. Child care actually received a lot of interest and support.

(Broke into work groups at 4:02 until 4:30 pm)

X. ADJOURNMENT

4:30 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, September 11, 2008 3:00-4:00 PM. location Sesnon House, 6500 Soquel Dr. Aptos, CA 95003.