



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 MINUTES

Thursday, April 10, 2008, 2:30-4:30P.M.
Location: Santa Cruz County Office of Education
Board Room
809-H Bay Ave. Capitola, CA 95010

Members Present: , Elizabeth Chavez, , Larry Drury, Christine Furlanic, Jean Gallagher-Heil, Wilma Gold, Linda Kishlansky, Marilyn Moore, Michele Mosher, Ellen Murtha, Ellen Ortiz, Tricia Pastor Cross, Wesley Van Camp Claudia Vestal, Maria Castro, Irene Freiberg. Sita Moon

Excused Absences:, Elaine Henning, Jody Pemberton, Katie LeBaron, Barbara Griffin, Ann Wise, Nicole Young, Alma Martinez, Naomi Brauner, Rob Mullen, Sandy Davie, Tricia Pastor Cross,

Staff Present: Diane Oyler, Carole Mulford, and Alma Rodriguez.

Guests Speakers Present: Cece Pinheiro, SPIN, Elizabeth Chavez, SPIN, and Susan True, First 5, Linda Kishlansky, Path To Inclusion Collaborative.

Members of the Public Present: David Brown, Jane Hiesey, Cheryl Devlin,

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

II. Meeting was called to order by Wilma Gold at 2:38 pm. All were welcomed and introduced themselves.

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Carole asked to rearrange the order of the agenda so that Susan True, First 5 Executive Director, could speak earlier. The First 5 presentation was moved to before the Exec. Committee report

IV. ESTABLISH QUORUM

V. Quorum was established.

VI. APPROVAL OF MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Minutes approved without corrections. Larry moved to approve. Claudia seconded. Irene and Miche abstained.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Larry announced that GoKids will close the Lion Cubs center in Soquel. The center has not been fiscally solvent for some time.



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Jean Gallagher-Heil announced that Cabrillo will continue to accept applications for the Children's Center director position until the end of this month. The application information is available on the Cabrillo website.

Irene announced the PACE Annual Leadership Conference in Monterey on April 26.

Wilma announced that Peace Camp has openings for camp counselors for the summer session.

Larry announced that the NAEYC conference this year will focus on Education and Technology. Check their website for registration information.

VIII. LETTERS OF SUPPORT

The Council did not request any requests for letters of support.

IX. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Diane showed a draft of the proposed revision of the CCPC brochure. Wilma described how the revisions were made, so that the brochure was more aligned with the Master Plan.

Linda suggested that there be photos of children with special needs included in the brochure.

There was discussion about the name change for the Council. Suggestions for names and edits will be accepted and reviewed to bring for final decision at the next monthly meeting.

David Brown has applied to become a Council member, as a Public Agency Representative, replacing Kathy Mello.

Sita Moon has been appointed to the Council by Superintendent of Schools, as a Community Representative.

Teresa Valdez, was appointed by Board of Supervisors, as a Consumer.

X. STAFF REPORT

Diane shared her impressions of the Candidates Forum hosted by the League of Women Voters at COE. She mentioned that this was the first time all the candidates had been together in one arena. It was a great opportunity to hear their views on early care and education and school-age extended learning issues. Ann Wise did a wonderful job of moderating the event.

Sita gave a brief description of the STARS program and Diane shared the Spring Professional Development schedule.

Carole talked about the Preschool Planning process, and the grant that is being written. The premise is that the CCPC will take on the work of Preschool Planning as next years focus.



XI. COMMITTEE ORAL REPORTS

a) SUBSIDIZED PROGRAMS

Ellen Ortiz emphasized the importance of the networking opportunities provided by the consortium. Member agencies have faced some difficult challenges recently, and have received support and help from the consortium.

b) ECE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Miche reported the date for the conference is October 4th. Two new strands have been added to this year's conference, a School Age strand and an Infant/Toddler strand. Since the conference is in October this year, Rob Mullen has been instrumental in organizing a curriculum fair in the Spring, as well as reinstating the various awards available to the ECE community.

The Cap Pack award will be focused on honoring a deserving ECE caregiver/teacher and applications will be going out.

The Vision Award that was once given to Marcia Meyer is also being revived. It was suggested that the nominations for this award be brainstormed at the Council's annual retreat, and that the award be given at the ECE conference.

c) PUBLIC POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Carole described the success of the Candidates Forum which took place, the evening of April 9th at COE. Community Television attended the event and taped it to air soon.

The candidates were educated on critically important issues and answered many questions pertaining to child care and early education and truly appreciated the great organization of the event provided by the League of Women Voters and the Council.

XII. PRESENTATION: **Cece Pinheiro**, Executive Director and **Elizabeth Chavez**, Parent Support and Training Coordinator, SPIN, Special Parents Information Network, presented an overview of SPIN mission and upcoming activities.

SPIN was started in 1985 by parents of children with special needs who needed to network and look for support. In 1996 it became an agency providing support and services for parents as they dealt with Individualized Family Service Plans, Individual Education Plans, doctors, agencies, etc. SPIN became a non-profit agency in 2001 and began applying for grants and continued to grow and expand its facilities and services.

Elizabeth Chavez spoke about the actual services SPIN provides, as well as the family network support that members provide for each other. SPIN provides many educational



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workshops which are open to the community on a monthly basis. The SPIN community resource guide is a comprehensive listing of resources available for families who are trying to find and access services.

Cece announced a fundraising event which is planned for generating funding to publish the resource guide. The resource guide was distributed to the Council.

Susan True, Executive Director of First 5, discussed some of the work First 5 is participating in. They are coordinating a training for pediatricians which will show them how to use a developmental survey, the Ages and Stages Questionnaire, that would give a consistent view and provide an opportunity to determine if children/patients are in need of intervention.

She also discussed Prevention and Early Intervention money that should be available to Santa Cruz County \$1.4 million dollars for youth under 25 years of age.

Cabrillo College and First 5 have been working to develop some mental health course work. There is also a team of mental health/social workers who are going to attend training on assessment and intervention for children with substance exposure on May 1st in Chicago, IL.

Linda Kishlansky, Special Ed. Consultant presented an overview of Path to Inclusion Collaborative describing the history of the collaborative and the events sponsored by the collaborative. The collaborative is interested in updating the Path to Inclusion Binder using some of the new information available through First 5 and other resources.

Suggestion: that CDRC purchase some of the most recent DVDs on various topics relating to special needs for children and families.

The presentation generated a rich discussion about local resources, family child care providers, family's needs, education and training, and the importance of recognizing the challenges faced by parents and people who work with the children who have exceptional needs.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 8, 2008, 2:30-4:30 PM. location Board Room.