



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

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 8, 2008, 2:30-4:00P.M.

Meeting of Committee Chairs 4:00 to 5:00P.M.

Location: Santa Cruz County Office of Education
Board Room
809-H Bay Ave. Capitola, CA 95010

Members Present: Naomi Brauner, Elizabeth Chavez, Sandy Davie, Larry Drury, Irene Freiberg, Christine Furlanic, Jean Gallagher-Heil, Wilma Gold, Barbara Griffin, Alma Martinez, Sita Moon, Rob Mullen, Ellen Murtha, Tricia Pastor Cross, Jody Pemberton, Ellen Ortiz, Nicole Young, Ann Wise, and Therese Valdez.

Excused Absences: Maria Castro, Elaine Henning, Linda Kishlansky, Katie LeBaron, Marilyn Moore, Michele Mosher, Wesley Van Camp, Claudia Vestal.

Staff Present: Diane Oyler, Carole Mulford

Members of the Public Present: David Brown, Consuelo Espinosa

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

II. Meeting was called to order by Wilma Gold at 2:35 pm. All were welcomed and introduced themselves. Welcome to new member, Therese Valdez, appointed by Board of Supervisors.

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

IV. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Quorum was established.

V. APPROVAL OF APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes approved with the following correction: Tricia Pastor-Cross was not present for the April meeting. Ellen Ortiz moved to approve. Jody seconded. Alma, Rob, Naomi, Barbara, Nicole and Ann abstained.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT, COMMUNICATIONS

a) PUBLIC HEARING OF MASTER PLAN

Sandy described the review process of the Master Plan had been through to this point, and invited all present to give final feedback on the document.

Input: Larry Drury, GoKids was left off our CCPC Master Plan committee acknowledgements. Include Elaine Henning in acknowledgements; include Sandy's affiliation, SCTCC. Principle 1 include "quality" Principle 5 take out early and SAEL.



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Use shortcut, but be consistent throughout after explanation terms and definitions:

CalSAFE include, PACE correct, CCECE investigate, CEL include.

Principle I: List of children who have particular needs related to child care has been expanded as a result of the community partner meetings.

The cover says Santa Cruz County Child Care Planning and Advisory Council. The Council needs to vote on the name change and then make it consistent throughout the document. Further edits and suggestions should be submitted to Diane by May 14.

VII. LETTERS OF SUPPORT

The Council will consider letters of support that have been requested and take action.

None requested.

VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Action item: Approval of the name change

The Council had a brief discussion of the reasons for suggesting a name change for our Child Care Planning Council. The suggested name would be Santa Cruz County Child Care and Advisory Council. Members questioned the chosen name and suggested we wait and spend some time on making this decision. Larry mentioned that the SCCPC has gained respect and acknowledgement by candidates and it may be wise not to create any confusion with a new name.

The consensus on this item is to wait on the name change, but begin serious consideration about the change and make an informed decision before we need to print new brochures and other materials.

Action item: Approval of the new CCPC brochure:

Ann Wise moved to accept the new brochure. Jean Gallagher-Heil seconded the motion.

Comments: Why the young child on the cover, does this reflect the age span of children served by the Council?

Vote: Motion was approved. Rob Mullen abstained. May 15th is the closing for comments on the brochure, and then the new brochure is officially approved.

The Executive Committee distributed ballots for nomination of possible Chair and Co-vice Chairs, as Wilma, Sandy and Ellen plan to step down in June. Ellen Murtha is willing to continue with support from Co-vice chairs.



IX. STAFF REPORT

a) APPROVAL OF PRIORITIES REPORT FOR 2008

Diane Oyler reviewed the recommendation for this year's Priority Report. The Council is recommending that we keep the priorities the same as they were last year.

Larry moved to approve the Priorities Report, Ellen Murtha seconded. Motion passed. Therese Valdez abstained.

b) AB212 Activities

Diane reported on AB212, STARS activities. Two trainings are being offered this month, *The Preschool Learning Foundations*, presented by Ginger Brown, CPIN regional trainer on Monday, May 12th. *The Infant Toddler Learning Guidelines*, presented by Tina Jiminez, PITC trainer will lead a workshop for family child care providers on May 17th. STARS participants, CCIP participants and the community at large are invited to these workshops.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) ECE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE – Rob Mullen

Rob reported on plans for the Curriculum Fair ... Thanked Diane for helping with the publicity for the event. Curriculum Fair will be held, Saturday, June 21st. The Fair is open to all child care providers who wish to sell near new curriculum materials to the public. Publicity for the Fair was handled by Diane and CDRC. This is the first of it's kind and the hope is that it will be an annual event.

The ECE Conference planning is going well and flyers for the event are available now. Rob mentioned the nomination forms for *Educator of the Year*, are available and encouraged people to pick up a form and nominate a worthy individual for the award which will be bestowed at the ECE Conference in October. The Council is being asked to nominate someone for the *Vision and Voice* award, that process will be completed at our annual CCPC retreat.

Carole shared information about legislation that is important to be aware of.



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XI. CCPC SURVEY

Nicole Young explained the procedure for completing the CCPC member survey. It will be used for next years planning purposes. All are encouraged to spend a few moments completing the survey. The first 10 will receive gift cards for coffee. Wilma thanked Naomi and Nicole for setting this up and following through with the on-line survey.

XII. Announcements:

Ellen Murtha announced Community Financial Literacy classes she leads on Wednesday evenings at the SCCCUCU.

Jean spoke about Cabrillo College's current budgetary restrictions and recommendations. Budget shortfalls are causing some very difficult decisions in the staffing of Cabrillo ECE Department.

Therese Valdez announced a community event offered by the Coalition for Countywide Dialog on Race.

Diane attended the meeting on children's Mental Health Services Act, Prevention & Early Intervention. The next meeting will be on June 2nd and stakeholders are invited to attend and give input on the needs of children birth to 13 years.

Jody spoke about the Early Head Start initiative which is collaboration between First 5 and Head Start which will serve pregnant women, infants and toddlers. They are looking for a program coordinator. This initiative will expand services by 90 more slots total, (although the waiting list is over 500 people.)

Alma mentioned that the summer Pre-K Academy in Watsonville is happening again this year. First 5 is also providing funding for the family resource center in Watsonville.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - 4:00

Meeting was adjourned at 4:11 P.M.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE CHAIR MEETING – (1hr.) 4:00-5:00

Next meeting: Friday, June 20, 2008, **9:00-3:00**. Location, Horticulture Building, Cabrillo College.