



## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 12, 2006, 2:30-4:30 P.M.**

County Office of Education, Board Room  
809-H Bay Avenue, Capitola, CA

### **Members Present:**

Maria Castro, Elizabeth Chavez, Leslie Cheung, Rebecca Daniel-Burke, Sandy Davie, Larry Drury, Julie Edwards, Pam Elders, Irene Freiberg, Laura Gallardo, Rebecca Garcia, Jean Gardner, Elaine Henning, Linda Kishlansky, Katie LeBaron, Elizabeth Lopez, Guadalupe Mendoza, Ed Nadolski,, Ellen Ortiz, Diane Oyler, Tricia Pastor, Claudia Vestal, Cynthia Wells and Ann Wise.

### **Excused Absences:**

Christina Banuelos, Wilma Gold, Carmen Kubas, and Marilyn Moore

### **Unexcused Absences:**

**Staff Present:** Rowland Baker, Hiranya Brewer, Sita Moon, Carole Mulford and Cathy Potts-Sales

### **Members of the Public Present:**

Barbara Griffin (Campus Kids Connection), Jody Pemberton for Cynthia Wells (Head Start) and guest speaker Daman Maldonado (Region 5 After School Care Consultant).

### **I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS**

Vice Chair Sandy Davie called meeting to order at 2:38 p.m. All present introduced themselves. Sandy thanked everyone for coming.

### **II. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

None

### **III. ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Quorum established.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

*Ann Wise moved to approve the September, November and December meeting minutes.*

*Diane Oyler seconded*

*Motion passed unanimously*

### **V. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None

### **VI. LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

There were no letters of support for the Council to consider. Julie Edwards did ask if Cabrillo College President Brian King and Vice-President of Instruction Renee Kilmer responded to letters sent to them by the Council. Since there has not been a response from them, Julie requested responses be sought from them.

### **VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Vice Chair Sandy Davie presented the results of the recent membership recruitment efforts of the Executive Committee. Four new members have joined the Council. Each new member was introduced to the Council. A new member orientation will be held within the next month. Date TBD.

**New members:** Leslie Cheung, parent; Rebecca Daniel-Burke, PACE APP Regional Director; Jean Gardner, parent; Rebecca Garcia, CPIN Region 5 Lead. Each one shared their affiliation and interest in joining the Council.

## VIII. STAFF REPORT

Planning Council Coordinator Hiranya Brewer and COE Child Development Programs Coordinator Carole Mulford reported on current fund development efforts in the Child Development Programs Department of the County Office of Education. Hiranya explained that the funding cycle had ended for the CARES program and that current efforts were under way to work with First 5 Santa Cruz to develop a plan for designing a new Literacy Professional Development Initiative. As CARES funding has ended, one Project Specialist Position had to be cut and the other was reduced to a .75FTE position. The Health & Safety Program, which First 5 Santa Cruz has agreed to fund during this 6-month planning period, will be operated by Sita Moon. Sita will also provide staff support for coordinating the planning of First 5's Literacy Professional Development Initiative. Part of the First 5 grant is designated for the creation of a Preschool For All advisory council which will create and adopt a work plan for planning and early implementation of Preschool For All should the Initiative pass in June. Sandy Davie acknowledged all the hard work of Hiranya and Carole in developing and securing this grant proposal.

Hiranya shared highlights of the responses to the Governor's state budget proposal. She will e-mail the responses to the council members and will take them to next Policy Committee meeting to discuss and review. The Policy Committee's responses will be share at the next meeting.

Hiranya announced that the CCAEYC/PACE annual ECE conference will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at Cabrillo College. The focus of the conference will be Professional Development. First 5 California Executive Director Kris Perry will be the key-note speaker for the event.

## IX. COMMITTEE ORAL REPORTS

### a) PFA TASK FORCE

Sandy reported that the Task Force is working to inform the public about the PFA Initiative by planning a public forum on the Power of Preschool and the Preschool For All Ballot Initiative. The event will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education on March 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 8:00 PM. State Assemblymembers John Laird and Wilma Chan will speak at the event. There will be a question and answer time. It is projected that examination of the PFA initiative will raise many issues and questions regarding workforce development that will need to be addressed.

Several articles regarding PFA have recently been published in local newspapers. Carole Mulford shared what Child Development Programs at the COE is doing to educate the public about Early Care and Education and Preschool. Julie Edwards encouraged and cautioned everyone to be careful about claiming that Preschool For All is beneficial without being sure to include that it is really only *quality* care that benefits children. Child Development Programs staff are currently working on identifying what quality care and education are and will be conducting an educational campaign to raise awareness of what quality care is.

The next PFA Task Force meeting will be January 24<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 PM at the COE.

## X. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### a) POLICY AND LOCAL PLANNING

The next meeting will be January 24 from 4 to 5 pm at the Santa Cruz County COE. The fact sheet will be finalized at the next meeting in order to take it to supervisors. The committee will also go over the Governor's budget proposal responses.

### b) COMPREHENSIVE QUALITY CARE

Committee will meet January 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm to 5:00 PM. The focus will be on child passenger safety and the use of SB640 funds for Special Needs training. Katie LeBaron announced that there will be several dates in February for community members to get car seat safety checks. If interested in more information, call 454-5477.

**c) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

The next meeting will be January 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. The focus of the meeting will be on finalizing the ECE Workforce position statement. Julie suggested time of meeting be changed to 1:30-3:30. A future goal is to host a forum of regional Workforce Development agencies to map out professional pathways in the ECE field, identifying gaps and working to develop solutions.

**d) SUBSIDIZED PROGRAMS CONSORTIUM**

The next meeting will be February 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 10:30 AM. The focus will be on implementing the Centralized Eligibility List. Hiranya will send a technology survey to all CDD funded agencies. Plans on how to use the unspent AB212 funding which had been used in the CARES program will be discussed. There is approximately \$53,000 to spend on training for CDE funded center staff. Ideas were shared on various ways to utilize the funds. Irene suggested staff from privately funded centers should be able to attend the trainings if they pay for themselves. This suggestion will be considered.

**XI. DAMIAN MALDONADO, MPA (Region 5 After School Consultant)**

Mr. Maldonado presented current information on After School Programs in the county and specifically on new Proposition 49 funds that are becoming available. Mr. Maldonado distributed the following handouts: "Governor Schwarzenegger Highlights the Importance of Investing in Children's After-School Safety and Education" and "Proposition 49 – What Is It All About?" prepared by Rocio Abundis-Rodriguez, Region 5, Healthy Start and After School Partnerships. He gave a brief history, purpose and explanation of the rules/regulations of Prop 49 funding. Prop 49 funds should become available this Spring. When implemented, Prop 49 will more than triple state funding for after school programs. He emphasized that potential contractors must provide a 50% match from local sources on all Prop 49 contract awards. Mr. Maldonado answered questions regarding after school care issues from council members and encouraged those interested to apply now or they will have to wait three years.

Mr. Maldonado encouraged anyone interested in pursuing a Prop 49 after school care contract to review the procedures and do as much as they can now to be prepared. Carole Mulford requested a technical assistance workshop be given and also suggested the Council sponsor it. Mr. Maldonado was in support of the idea and indicated someone from his agency could lead such a workshop. Each regional lead office is currently doing presentations and meeting with principals and superintendents of schools. The RFP will be made available sometime in the next couple of months. On March 15th there will be a state-wide after school summit in Sacramento.

Email address to contact Mr. Maldonado: [dm\\_consulting@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dm_consulting@sbcglobal.net)

Sandy announced that the Executive Committee recommends the establishment of an After School Consortium as a committee of the Planning Council.

*Maria Castro moved to create After School Consortium*

*Diane Oyler seconded*

*Motion passed unanimously*

Ellen recommended that the Council encourage past members of the After School Care Consortium from a number of years ago to join.

**XII. CHILDREN'S NETWORK REPORT**

Hiranya Brewer reported on current work of the Children's Network. She shared highlights from the Presentation by the Probation Department on their new program working with incarcerated parents and their families. Julie Edwards announced her intention to propose a new course at Cabrillo College titled "Working With Children of Incarcerated Parents".

**XIII. CENTRALIZED SERVICES REPORT**

Sandy Davie reported on the current work of Centralized Services. The goal is to create an alliance for child care providers to centralize services to reduce business costs. A possible title will be Child Care Businesses Alliance of Santa Cruz County. One goal of the group is to

develop a Group Dental Plan and the other is to support group purchase of food from local farmers. The committee is also checking ways to access dental programs that already exist at a lower premium. A survey to determine participation in a dental group insurance, group purchasing of organic food, etc. will be conducted. The next meeting will be on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 to 5:00 PM at Santa Cruz COE. For more information contact Marcia Meyer at: [marmey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marmey@sbcglobal.net)

#### **XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Katie LeBaron announced the child car seat program sponsored by the Health Services Agency.
- Hiranya distributed an updated Child Care Planning Council Directory and information about the upcoming California Teachers Association Universal Preschool briefings.
- Carole announced the next CPIN training on “Oral Language and Vocabulary Development” which will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 12:00 at Santa Cruz COE.
- Linda Kishlansky announced that she applied and was accepted for a Path to Inclusion 2006 grant.
- Irene Freiberg announced that PACE would be holding a workshop on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Diane Oyler announced the release of the “2005 California Child Care Portfolio” report by California Child Care Resource & Referral Network. Copies are available. Diane will send out information regarding Santa Cruz County.
- CCAEYC: Irene Freiberg and Diane Oyler are on the conference planning committee. They requested Council members to help with planning conference events.
- There will be a training on “Building Enrollment for Child Care Centers” on February 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:30 to 3:00 PM at the Santa Cruz COE.
- Maria Castro displayed resource guides and 15 training activities on English Language Acquisition that have been developed by West Ed. There will be a training on the topic on May 20<sup>th</sup> in Santa Cruz as well as on other dates in Monterey and Santa Clara.
- Julie Edwards announced she has four openings in her Cabrillo “Children’s Peace Library” course.
- Larry announced LINCC Symposium to be held on February 10<sup>th</sup> in San Francisco. He also announced that Go Kids will be opening a new site in Watsonville sometime in February. He acknowledged the City of Watsonville for their support of the project.

#### **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

**Next meeting date:** February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Board Room.