



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, December 8th, 2005, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

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

Members Present: Sandy Davie, Wilma Gold, Linda Kishlansky, Diane Oyler, Claudia Vestal, Ann Wise, Laura Segura Gallardo and Katie LeBaron.

Excused Absences:

Julie Edwards, Marilyn Moore, Elizabeth Chavez, Irene Freiberg, Maria Castro, Larry Drury, Lupe Mendoza, Ellen Ortiz, Pam Elders, Ed Nadolski and Carmen Kubas, Elizabeth Lopez.

Unexcused Absences:

Elaine Henning, Tricia Pastor, Cynthia Wells and Christina Banuelos.

Staff Present: Hiranya Brewer, Sita Moon, Ceylida Lopez, Carole Mulford and Rowland Baker

Members of the Public Present: Rebecca Garcia (CPIN), Robert Lungaro (Migrant Head Start)

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Wilma Gold called meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. All present introduced themselves.

II. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

III. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Quorum was not achieved

IV. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Tabled due to lack of quorum.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

VI. LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Hiranya Brewer shared a letter which the Executive Committee sent on behalf of the Planning Council to Cabrillo College President Brian King and Vice-President of Instruction Renee Kilmer, recommending that the Cabrillo Board of Directors vote to refund two full-time staff positions in the Early Childhood Education Department of the college.

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Wilma Gold announced that the CARES Program funding will end on December 31, 2005. Sita Moon and Ceylida Lopez (CARES staff) were commended and thanked for their excellent work in furthering the Planning Council's goals via the CARES Educational Incentives Program. Each of them were presented with gifts as an expression of the Council's gratitude for their work.

VIII. STAFF REPORT

Hiranya expressed the sentiment that this is a time of transition in many areas for the Planning Council. While the CARES program is winding down, plans for Preschool For All are ramping up. The PFA forum was a great success as a networking opportunity and as an information sharing event. Hiranya also expressed concerns about the lack of attendance at Council and committee meetings and is working with the Executive Committee to develop support for keeping membership and attendance up.

Hiranya announced that Gateway Preschool will be closing due to declining enrollment. 12 staff, including a director, will be laid off as of June 30, 2006. The Council discussed options for supporting the Gateway school board of directors in reviewing all available options for program continuation.

IX. COMMITTEE ORAL REPORTS

a) CARES

CARES staff gave a brief PowerPoint presentation highlighting the accomplishments and results of the 2005 CARES Program. *Please contact Hiranya Brewer to receive a hard or electronic copy of this presentation.*

b) PRESCHOOL FOR ALL TASK FORCE

Sandy Davie shared that participant surveys showed generally positive feedback on the PFA forum. One suggestion seen throughout the survey responses was to give more time for Questions and Answers. Attendance, interest and participation in the PFA taskforce meetings has increased since the forum took place. The taskforce is planning a series of events for the Spring designed to invite community involvement in the planning process for PFA in our community. The events may include a public forum in March focused on the Power of Preschool and the PFA Initiative. A series of workgroup meetings may evolve from this forum. Additionally, the Taskforce is considering the possibility of collaborating with Preschool California to hold a public information session on the Initiative prior to the ballot in June, 2006.

Carole discussed the plan for working with Comcast to produce a 10-minute video clip narrated by Rob Reiner and/or Jack O'Connell to introduce the value of Preschool and why a PFA initiative would benefit our young ones.

c) COMPREHENSIVE QUALITY CARE (CQC)

Linda Kishlansky reported that the CQC committee decided to merge with the Special Needs committee and will focus on three main areas: Special Needs, Health and Safety and Infant/Toddler Care. There was discussion of creating a new committee to focus on After school care. An official proposal to do so will come forth at the January CCPC meeting.

- Special Needs: SB640 passed (\$30,000 for 18 months), which will provide continued funds for training of providers in working with children who have special needs. Funding will be dispersed beginning in January, 2006.
- Health and Safety: Ideas for outreach in the area of Child Passenger Safety to providers, parents and community members were developed and will be pursued.
- Infant/Toddler Care: CCIP trainings are scheduled to begin early next year.

X. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) SUBSIDIZED PROGRAMS CONSORTIUM

The SPC did not meet since the last CCPC meeting. Hiranya announced that at the next meeting the consortium will continue to talk about plans for implementing a Centralized Eligibility List. All CDE contractors are invited to attend and bring their eligibility criteria and enrollment policies to the meeting on January 4th, 2006 at the County Office of Education.

b) NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Needs Assessment Committee did not meet since the last CCPC meeting. Hiranya announced that a final draft will be forthcoming shortly.

c) POLICY AND LOCAL PLANNING

Policy Committee members are developing a Fact Sheet on state child care funding and methods for determining need for child care funding for the purpose of making recommendations on priority areas for future child care funding. Hiranya presented a document she is working on to make definitions available for explaining these terms to Supervisors and other interested parties.

d) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Workforce Development Committee did not meet since the last CCPC meeting.

XI. REBECCA GARCIA - CALIFORNIA PRESCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL NETWORK

gave a power point presentation of the goals and activities of CPIN. The purpose of CPIN is to create professional development opportunities for child care administrators. They also provide workshops for teachers and Family Child Care providers. Rebecca's presentation outlined the activities undertaken by CPIN, such as developing the Preschool Standards, providing professional development support for English language learners, Desired Results trainings, forums for community input and advocacy.

XI. CENTRALIZED SERVICES REPORT

Sandy reported on the November Centralized Services meeting. Goals defined by the committee were to work on a dental plan for members of the CS project and to create a combined buying effort to access food from local farmers. The next meeting will be on Jan 9 at Temple Beth El, with CANN representative and will focus on the development of a dental plan.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS- (10 min) 4:20-4:30

Laura Gallardo announced that the School Readiness Program will be hosting a community forum on Sat. Feb. 4 at Radcliff Elementary School.

Diane Oyler announced that CDRC and CCAN will present a Licensing Update workshop with Ester Alcala of Community Care Licensing on January 10th from 1-2:30 in the Technology Center of the County Office of Education.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT- 4:30

Wilma Gold adjourned meeting at 4:35.

Next meeting date: January 12, 2006 2:30 to 4:30 at COE Board Room