



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

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, April 13, 2006, 2:30-4:30 P.M.**

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

**Members Present:** Maria Castro, Sandy Davie, Irene Freiberg, Laura Gallardo, Rebecca Garcia, Jean Gardner, Elizabeth Lopez, Ellen Ortiz, Claudia Vestal, Jody Pemberton and Ann Wise.

**Excused Absences:** Christina Banuelos, Elizabeth Chavez, Leslie Cheung, Rebecca Daniel-Burke, Larry Drury, Wilma Gold, Elaine Henning, Linda Kishlansky, Katie LeBaron, Elizabeth Lopez, Guadalupe Mendoza, Marilyn Moore, Ed Nadolski, Diane Oyler, and Tricia Pastor

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

**Members of the Public Present:** Scott Haines (Live Oak Child Development), Kathy Lathrop (PVUSD), Nancy K. Brown and Naomi Brauner (PFA Consultants).

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

Vice Chair Sandy Davie called meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. All present introduced themselves. Sandy thanked everyone for coming.

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

None.

#### **III. ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Quorum was not established.

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MARCH MEETING MINUTES**

Approval of March Meeting Minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

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

None.

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

None.

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

- a. The committee is coordinating the LPC annual retreat that will be an all day event from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The tentative date is June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The committee is trying to book the Cabrillo Horticultural Bldg. John Laird will be attending.

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- b. Hiranya is working on getting qualified people to fill vacancies on the Council. Hiranya requested members to contact her with the names of anyone they know who would like to be a member. Hiranya will bring to the next meeting membership grid of vacancies and possible people who can fill the positions.

**VIII. STAFF REPORT**

- a. Hiranya reported that the PFA planning group, comprised of COE, LPC and First 5 staff as well as consultants Nancy K. Brown and Naomi Brauner, which is currently funded through a 6-month grant from First 5 SCC, has been meeting to lay the groundwork for the establishment of an Advisory Council in preparation for the possible passage of Proposition 82 (The Preschool For All Act). Among the elements of this planning effort are: determination of seat designations, nomination of members to the Council and the creation of a work plan for the Council to take up should the Proposition pass in June.
- b. Carole Mulford and Naomi Brauner are presently attending the SCCOE Board meeting to give info on the Proposition to board members if requested.
- c. Nancy Brown will host a series of input sessions on Proposition 82 throughout the county. Flyers have been mailed to all Family Child Care Providers and all Child Care Centers.
- d. Sita Moon reported on the Health & Safety Program. 9 new participants have recently completed the CPR training. Sita thanked Marilyn Moore for the use of the Community Bridges facility.
- e. Sita and Hiranya reported on efforts to date made by First 5 SCC and COE staff in planning the Literacy Professional Development Initiative. Susan True, Vicki Boriack, Sita, Hiranya, and Carole have been meeting once a week to plan a series of open community input sessions: the first meeting was on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and was held at the COE, the second meeting was on April 6<sup>th</sup> and was held at Live Oak School and the third meeting will be on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Pajaro Valley Health Trust. RSVPs are required.

**IX. COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS**

**a. SUBSIDIZED PROGRAMS CONSORTIUM**

Ellen Ortiz reported on the situation with COPE's contract. The contract has been reallocated on an interim bases to the YMCA of Watsonville. Consortium members spent some time at their last meeting reflecting on and reiterating their goals as well as defining what is within the Consortium's purview versus what the State determines and can act on. The Consortium recognizes and commends the efforts of CDRC and the Voucher Project in assisting families to find child care and subsidies.

Ellen also discussed the State mandate for all child care contractors to participate in the Centralized Eligibility List. The list has to be available by July 30<sup>th</sup>. Ellen and Elaine will be hosting a presenter from Control Tech

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who will be demonstrating the use of Kinder Wait (the proposed CEL database software) at the May Consortium meeting.

Consortium members also received a brief presentation from Hiranya regarding the remaining AB212 funds to be spent down by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Planning Council will administer a streamlined Educational Incentives program for CDE staff members who have been employed with the same employer since August 2, 2005 and who have completed a minimum of 3 units of Early Childhood Education coursework, General Education coursework or English as a Second Language coursework. An informational meeting for CDE directors will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 2:00pm in the Board Room of the County Office of Education.

**b. PFA TASK FORCE**

The Preschool For All Forum on March 30<sup>th</sup> was a great success. Assemblymembers Wilma Chan and John Laird spoke to an audience of over 150. Unfortunately none of the local media that were invited attended. However, Community Television of Santa Cruz County video taped the event and will be airing it on the following dates/times on Comcast 25/Charter 71:

ENGLISH: Pre-School For All  
4/26 @ 4:00 pm  
5/2 @ 6:00 pm  
5/3 @ 4:00 pm  
5/7 @ 2:00 pm

SPANISH: Pre-School For All  
4/28 @ 1:00 pm  
5/1 @ 11:30 am  
5/2 @ 8:00 pm  
5/14 @ 2:00 pm

The next event of the Task Force will be to host an informational workshop on PFA at the annual PACE/CCAAYC Conference at Cabrillo College on April 29th.

In other news, Carole Mulford and Naomi Brauner reported that the COE Board did not take a position for or against Proposition 82. County Board of Supervisors have not taken a stance as of now. Sandy Davie reiterated that the Child Care Planning Council could choose to take a position on Prop 82.

**c. POLICY AND LOCAL PLANNING**

Hiranya reported on the recent efforts of the Policy Committee in determining priority zip codes for child care. In response to a recommendation made by Cecilia Espinola (HRA Director and First 5 Commissioner) the Committee has chosen to conduct an analysis of rates of combined risk factors by zip code, determined through First 5's recent geomapping project, in conjunction with Labor Force Participation rates showing need for child care by zip code in determining a set of priorities both for subsidized child care slots as well as for quality Child Development Programming. The recommended priorities will be presented to the Council at the May meeting.

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**X. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**a. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Hiranya announced that the Workforce Development Committee is planning a 3 part series of collaborative meetings of ECE Workforce Professional Development Advisors. The first and second meetings will bring together agencies providing advising on the Child Development Permit Matrix and the AA/AS degree in Early Childhood Education. The goal will be to develop a universal, county wide advising. The third meeting will include the 4 year institutions to discuss articulation between the two and the four year degree programs for Early Childhood Educators. Nancy K. Brown will facilitate these three meetings. The Workforce Development committee also recently published a position statement on challenges faced by the ECE workforce and some key recommendations. Please view a copy of the paper at the Child Care Planning Council's website: [www.childcareplanning.org](http://www.childcareplanning.org)

**b. COMPREHENSIVE QUALITY CARE**

Hiranya announced that the Comprehensive Quality Care Committee meeting would be used to focus on the upcoming "All of Us Together, Moving to Inclusion" (AOUT) conference planning by the local AOUT team. The Conference will be held in San Mateo on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

**c. AFTER SCHOOL CARE CONSORTIUM**

The CCPC along with the COE and Region V Healthy Start and Afterschool Partnerships will host a second informational meeting on Proposition 49 (Afterschool Funding) on May 16 8-10:30 AM at the COE.

**XI. PRESCHOOL FOR ALL PLANNING INPUT SESSION**

Nancy K. Brown delivered a power point presentation on Proposition 82 (the Preschool For All Act) which she will be presenting to various groups throughout the County over the course of the following several weeks. The intention is to gather community input, questions and concerns regarding Preschool For All to help guide the local planning process.

Nancy's presentation reviewed the history of Universal Preschool, the status of the Proposition, key features of Prop 82 including governance, delivery systems, teacher qualifications, workforce development, facilities, accountability and funding provisions. Members gave constructive feedback to Nancy regarding her presentation

**XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a.** Maria Castro: CPIN training, English Language Learners, May 20 9- 12 @ COE.
- b.** Application for mentor teachers are due by April 21; contact Michelle Mosher
- c.** CCSLV has Easter egg hunt Saturday at Highlands Park in Ben Lomond
- d.** SC Toddler Center will have breakfast fundraiser Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-12:00

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT      Next Meeting: May 11th COE Board Room.**

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Meeting adjourned at 4:38 pm.