



**The Santa Cruz County  
Child Care Planning Council**

**El Consejo de Planeación de Cuidado  
Infantil del Condado de Santa Cruz  
www.childcareplanning.org**

Thursday September 8, 2005, 2:30-4:30 P.M.  
Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Ocean/Pacific Room  
809-H Bay Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Maria Castro, Elizabeth Chavez, Sandy Davie, Julie Edwards, David Foster, Laura Segura Gallardo, Wilma Gold, Elaine Henning, Linda Kishlansky, Carmen Kubas, Elizabeth Lopez, Guadalupe Mendoza, Ed Nadolski, Ellen Ortiz, Diane Oyler, Tricia Pastor, Claudia Vestal, and Ann Wise.

**Members Absent:** Christina Banuelos, Larry Drury, Pam Elders, Irene Freiberg, Katie LeBaron, Marilyn Moore, and Cynthia Wells

**Staff Present:** Hiranya Brewer, Ceylida Lopez, Sita Moon and Cathy Potts-Sales

**Members of the Public Present:** Cheryl Devlin (Family Child Care Provider); Rebecca Daniel-Burke (Regional Representative of PACE APP);

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Wilma Gold called the meeting to order at 2:39 p.m. All present introduced themselves by describing their role in the community, their work and their relationship to the Council. She also explained the new meeting format: only 3 committees will report orally at each meeting. Other committees will be given time on the agenda to make any announcements.

II. ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Correction to Section XV: The location of the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting will be in the Tech Center of the County Office of Education, NOT the Board Room

III. QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED

IV. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

Council voted to approve August Minutes with no corrections  
*Ann Wise moved to approve the August meeting minutes*  
*Diane Oyler seconded*  
*Motion passed unanimously*

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V. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

VI. LETTERS OF SUPPORT

None at this time. Chair Wilma Gold explained that all requests for letters of support should be brought to the Executive Committee two weeks prior to the Council meeting.

VII. STAFF REPORT

a) CCPC BUDGET. Committee to vote on 2005-2006 budget.

After Hiranya Brewer answered Council members' questions regarding budget line items, a vote was taken for approval of the 2005-2006 CCPC budget. Hiranya's salary and benefits are paid 85% out of the CCPC budget and 15% out of the CARES budget. Co-Vice Chair David Foster explained that CCPC funding can not be placed in a reserve account to be used later (ie. cannot be rolled over from one year to the next). Hiranya explained that the CCPC budget is going to be tight this year and suggested that the Planning Council consider fund raising possibilities to increase budget. Wilma and David encouraged members to inform the Executive Committee of any funds/grants/etc. that are available in the community.

*Elaine Henning moved to approve the CCPC budget as presented*

*Ann Wise seconded*

*Motion passed unanimously*

b) Update on AB1246 (Preschool Standards Bill)

Hiranya reported that the Preschool Standards bill (AB1246) has been postponed until at least after the Preschool For All Initiative has been voted on in June, 2006.

c) PACE-CCAIEYC Annual Conference

The first conference planning meeting was held. The conference topic will be Workforce Development. There may be fewer registrants this year because CARES stipends will not be given out next fall. The future of CARES funding should become clear by December 2005.

The Workforce Development Committee of the Planning Council will be assisting the conference planning process by bringing together professional agencies/educators and designing workshops to be offered at the conference. Michelle Mosher is chairing the committee again this year.

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VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Wilma reiterated the new format for committee reporting.
- LPC Member Recruitment Update

Executive Committee reviewed membership categories. Nominations for potential Council members should be given to Wilma. Hiranya mentioned several nominees who were contacted and declined to join. Hiranya has also contacted John Laird's office to have his aide or his representative be on the council or at least attend. The Executive Committee will follow through with all nominations made to date.

IX. COMMITTEE ORAL REPORTS

- PFA Taskforce  
Co-Vice Chair Sandy Davie reported on the First 5 CA sponsored conference on Preschool For All that she and others attended in San Francisco. She distributed a map of Preschool For All demonstration sites statewide. The PFA Taskforce is planning a local panel discussion with various Bay Area county representatives. This meeting will be held in lieu of a regularly scheduled CCPC meeting for the month of October. The two main goals of the panel discussion are: to get informed on the terms of the PFA initiative and the other is to get information regarding lessons learned in counties currently planning and/or implementing PFA. The four confirmed panelists are Angie Garling (Alameda County LPC Coordinator), Jeanie McLoughlin (PFA director from San Mateo County), Gloria Coral (First5 San Francisco Deputy Director) and Yolanda Garcia (Director of the E3 Institute in Santa Clara). Diane Siri of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education and Toni Campbell of First 5 Santa Cruz will co-host the forum. The next meeting will be on September 27<sup>th</sup> at Santa Cruz Community Credit Union from 1:30-3:30.
- Policy and Local Planning  
Committee members plan to present priorities to the Board of Supervisors after the needs assessment is completed.  
The seven county legislative forum will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 to 11:30 in Milpitas. Hiranya requested help with assembling packets for the event. She also suggested that members register in advance and carpool.
- Workforce Development  
Committee members are planning a conference of local professional development agencies for the purpose of identifying current ECE workforce development infrastructure and pathways for providers to meet their own professional goals and the standards for Preschool For All. The Workforce Development Committee will provide support for the PACE/CCAAYC conference planning in terms of developing workshop content and recruiting presenters.

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X. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CARES Oversight

The CARES timeline was briefly reviewed: the current program ends on December 31, 2005. Funding for an interim planning period (from Jan-June, 2006) has been proposed to First 5. \$60K were set aside by First 5 for funding for this period. We should be notified of First 5 California's decision to continue funding the local CARES program by mid October. The local First 5 Commission will not be making their funding decisions re: CARES until December, 2005. Hiranya distributed a flyer from First 5 Santa Cruz County requesting community input in revising their strategic plan. The meeting will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Simpkins Swim Center. Hiranya recognized the wonderful contributions of the CARES staff in continuing to run the current program while helping to design a potential future program: Sita Moon and Ceylida Lopez.

Sita reported that the CARES program had received 325 applications on August 1, 2005. All applications have been reviewed and a full audit is being conducted. She spoke about the increase in the number of unit-bearing courses that the participants have completed this program year. Checks will be distributed by November 15<sup>th</sup> and a celebration is being planned for the participants to attend.

- Subsidized Programs and Resources Consortium

Committee plans to recruit, invite, and encourage new participants to attend.

- Workforce Development

Committee held their first meeting where they reviewed their goals and began planning for the development of a statement of purpose re: ECE Workforce Development. Committee had an initial discussion re: plans for a conference of local Professional Development agencies.

- Inclusion/Special Needs

The local R & R Agency, which was in support of SB640 (which would appropriate 5 million dollars for training child care providers in special needs topics) is pleased to announce that the bill was passed by the Assembly and Senate. It is now awaiting the Governor's signature. Diane Oyler requested members to contact the Governor via letters/faxes in support of SB640.

- Comprehensive Quality Care

The first meeting will be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 5 at the COE.

- Needs Assessment

Research is being conducted in order to include a section on After-school Care in the Needs Assessment. The Executive Committee requested that the Needs Assessment Committee conclude their work on the Needs Assessment with a brief narrative on suggestions pertaining to process for future reference.

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XI. CENTRALIZED SERVICES REPORT

Sandy Davie reported on current efforts and activities of the Centralized Services project. Project members are working on coordinating discount bulk purchases for child care centers.

XII. CHILDREN'S NETWORK REPORT

Susan True reported on the last Children's Network meeting. The main item on the agenda for discussion was child abuse prevention. There was a presentation made by the Child Care Prevention Council.

XIII. PRESENTATION FROM FIRST 5 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

First 5 Santa Cruz County Executive Director Susan True presented First 5's 10-year financial plan and upcoming opportunities for community input for future program funding. She reviewed F5SCC's Vision, Mission and Goals. Since its inception in 1999, First 5 Santa Cruz County has given \$13 million to programs in Santa Cruz County. Susan also reviewed the School Readiness Initiative. Two school districts: Radcliff and Freedom schools were selected by First 5 as focus areas for this pilot phase of the program. As part of the School Readiness Initiative, Kathy Lathrop is offering unit-bearing Literacy Courses at Cabrillo College.

Julie Edwards offered the following feedback to Susan's presentation: the small grants from First 5 that have been very valuable to small groups that have been very effective in the community versus consolidating all funds in hands of a few. She voiced her opinion that eliminate mini-grants is the wrong direction to go in. Linda Kishlansky also mentioned how the mini-grant she received enabled her to create the Path to Inclusion binder that has been distributed to countless number of people who in turn used the materials in their own programs. Julie and Sandy both talked about how CARES has greatly increased the education of the child care workforce.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hiranya announced that the Preschool For All forum will be held on October 27, 2005 from 1:30-3:30 at the COE Tech Center.

XV. Meeting Adjourned at 4:33

Next Meeting Date: October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005 - **COE Tech Center** (in lieu of a regularly scheduled CCPC meeting)