



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, October 18, 2007, 2:30-4:30P.M.

Location: Soquel Union Elementary School District Board Room
620 Monterey Ave., Capitola

Members Present: Maria Castro, Elizabeth Chavez, Sandy Davie, Christine Furlanic, Jean Gallagher-Heil, Wilma Gold, Barbara Griffin, Jim Hopper, Katie LeBaron, Rob Mullen, Ellen Murtha, Ellen Ortiz, Diane Oyler, Claudia Vestal, Ann Wise

Excused Absences: Naomi Brauner, Larry Drury, Irene Freiberg, Elaine Henning, Linda Kishlansky, Alma Martinez, Kathy Mello, Marilyn Moore, Miche Mosher, Tricia Pastor Cross, Jody Pemberton, Wesley Van Camp, and Nicole Young.

Staff Present: Hiranya Brewer, Sita Moon and Carole Mulford.

Guests Speakers Present: JoAnn Allen (County Office of Education)

Members of the Public Present: Barbara Best, Vicki Boriack, Liz Taylor-Selling

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting called to order at 2:40 p.m.

II. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

III. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Quorum was established.

IV. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes as read: Ellen Murtha; second: Jim Hopper. Sandy Davie, Katie LeBaron, Ellen Ortiz, Rob Mullen abstained.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Barbara Griffin was thanked for arranging the use of the Soquel Union Elementary School District Office for the meeting today.
- Maps of the proposed learning centers at Jade Street Park were available to view.
- Katie Le Baron described a lawsuit against a child care provider in another county, who did not know how to use the car seat properly. They were involved in an accident and the child was injured. Katie encourages providers to be informed about child passenger safety. She passed out fliers for safety inspections available this month.

VI. LETTERS OF SUPPORT

None requested.



VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Wilma Gold reported that the November 8th CCPC meeting will be cancelled. Hiranya Brewer, current council coordinator will be leaving her position at the end of October. She informed the Council that there will be a meeting on December 13, 2007. The Executive Committee stressed the importance of not losing any momentum gained from the work of all the committees during the transition. The committees are all expected to meet on their regular meeting schedule and support will be provided as much as possible. The Executive Committee will work closely with COE staff to implement the transition plan.
- Hiranya described her new position with GOOGLE. Wilma invited her to continue to attend as many local events and activities as her schedule allows.
- The next member social after the “farewell party” for Hiranya on Friday, October 29, will be November 30 at Michael’s on Main, from 4 to 6 p.m..
- There are still 2 openings in the Consumer Category on the Council.

VIII. STAFF REPORT

- Hiranya reported on the successful Legislative Forum in Milpitas last month. The legislators were very knowledgeable about child development issues. Hiranya urged the council to keep working closely with John Laird. Questions and answers from the forum are posted to the CCPC website.
- Hiranya described the STARS program, funded by AB212, which provides professional development activities, reimbursements and stipends for state funded staff. There are over 300 potential participants in our county this year to be served by this program.
- Carole Mulford attended the annual Child Care Planning Council Coordinators Association Conference. Carole suggested to CCCA that they develop a Mentor Program for new coordinators and the response was positive. Carole will find a partner to work with our new coordinator.
- SCCOE hosted a teleconference on Universal Preschool this week. There is renewed interest in bringing together a committee to discuss preschool for all 3 and 4 year olds



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lead by Superintendent Watkins. Keeping the elected officials involved will be crucial strategy in moving forward.

For the record: Hiranya has truly enjoyed working in the position of CCPC coordinator and thanked the Council members for all their support and mentorship.

Carole arranged for a proclamation from the Board of Supervisors and presented it to Hiranya.

IX. COMMITTEE ORAL REPORTS

a) ECE CONFERENCE PLANNING

- Hiranya reported that the theme for the ECE Conference on October 11, 2008, will be related to the election process and the possible outcome's affect on programs for children and families. Claudia Vestal described how excited the committee is about the idea and may call the Conference "Be a Voice for Children." There is more than a year for the planning process and the committee plans to invite key community members to participate and help to make the conference a success.
- There was a suggestion that the ECE Conference Planning Committee host a "swap meet" in the spring and at that time people could connect, network and plan, as well as purchase items from one another.

b) POLICY AND LOCAL PLANNING

- Ann Wise reported on the Scotts Valley General Plan. In regards to Family Child Care homes, the new plan calls for 75 sq feet play area per child for large Family Child Care homes. Scotts Valley voted to grandfather in all the existing large family child care homes at no cost to the owners. Ann feels that over time, the plan will be revisited and perhaps revised to be more advantageous for family child care providers.
- Jim Hopper reported on legislation. The phrase "There is a structural deficit in California" is a theme that runs through out the decision making process. The child passenger safety law did not pass, which is unfortunate because it could have brought money into California for education and training on child passenger safety.



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- The Family Child Care Union representation bill was also vetoed. AB304 passed, which requires family child care homes to give their disaster plans to local fire and police departments. This info is posted to the CCPC website.

c) MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

The committee is planning to have its first feedback session on January 25th by inviting a group of CCPC alumni. Sandy Davie passed a list around to try to identify previous members to invite, as well as any other community members who should be invited to participate in the input sessions to help finalize the Master Plan.

X. PRESENTATION

JoAnn Allen of the County Office of Education and Diane Oyler of the Child Development Resource Center presented on Disaster Preparedness planning for Early Care and Education settings.

- More than half of the children in our county are separated from their parents during the day. It is imperative that all child care providers and centers have disaster plans and that they are shared with local fire and police departments. Providers need to plan for disasters in such a way as to be completely self contained and responsible for the children in their care until such time help from others becomes available.
- JoAnn Allen presented on the protocols developed for all the school sites by the Safe Schools Consortia and stressed how important it is that someone representing child care be represented in the planning process. The committee must create a plan that allows for evacuating the entire county if necessary.
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) can provide trainings for neighborhoods and other communities.
- There are different types of trainings being instituted at all the school sites, such as Code Red Lockdown, Shelter in Place, etc., which schools and sites must practice in order to ensure the safety of the children in many different scenarios. JoAnn showed a slide show of an actual incident evacuation drill. Being prepared and trained for a disaster and various emergencies is crucial for children and families.

XI. PATH TO INCLUSION COLLABORATIVE REPORT

There was no time for this report.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS



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- This Saturday from 10am-2pm, at San Lorenzo Valley High School, there will be a Red Cross Emergency Fair.
- ChildCare Ventures will hold its 10-year anniversary on November 14, 2007 at the Sesnon House, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. The updated 2007 Economic Impact Report will be available at this event.
- Jean Gallagher-Heil announced Janis Keyser's retirement party on October 28th at Cabrillo Children's Center, October 28, from 3 to 6 p.m.
- Sandy Davie announced the Santa Cruz Toddler Care Center's Foto Fundraiser, October 27 through November 10, 2007.
- Maria Fatima Castro announced an ECE150 in Spanish in North County, Green Acres School.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Next meeting: December 13, 2007, 2:30-4:30
Cabrillo College, ECE classroom, #1508.