



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

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 10, 2007, 2:30-4:30 P.M.
County Office of Education Board Room
809-H Bay Ave, Capitola CA

Members Present: Naomi Brauner, Elizabeth Chavez, Sandy Davie, Jim Hopper, Katie LeBaron, Alma Martinez, Rob Mullen, Ellen Ortiz, Jody Pemberton, Maria Castro, Larry Drury, Elaine Henning, Marilyn Moore, Diane Oyler and Tricia Pastor Cross.

Excused Absences: Claudia Vestal, Kathy Mello, Linda Kishlansky, Ellen Murtha, Barbara Griffin, Wilma Gold, Julie Olsen Edwards, Irene Freiberg, Michele Mosher, Ann Wise, Nicole Young, Wesley Van Camp.

Guests Present: Ali Spickler, Jean Gallagher-Heil, Jane Hiesey, Alma Martinez,

Staff Present: Sita Moon and Carole Mulford.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting was called to order at 2:41 p.m.. All present were welcomed and introduced themselves.

II. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

III. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Quorum was established.

IV. APPROVAL OF MARCH MEETING MINUTES

March minutes approved: Naomi moved, Elaine seconded, Larry & Katie abstained.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Carole Mulford talked about the recent article on the development of a new preschool in Capitola. The Child Care Planning Council's Priorities Report has been cited as a measuring tool for need in that area. Yet, due to limitations of the data, it is not accurate to use for that purpose. Diane Oyler and Carole Mulford have both suggested to Capitola Council members and the Soquel Unified School District that they conduct their own needs assessment in order to be able to draw some more accurate conclusions to use for planning.
- Carole Mulford mentioned that there will be an article coming out based on the Anti-bias teachings from a workshop held at Temple Beth El.
- Maria Castro shared an article written by Eugene Garcia on Latino students and achievement.
- Katie LeBaron shared a flyer about child safety seat inspections which will be held in Watsonville on June 2nd.
- CDRD has plans to purchase and donate some car seats for infants.
- Diane Oyler announced a workshop on Tuesday, May 29 being offered by RAFT. The focus will be on school aged activities. There is still time to register.

VI. LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Katie Le Baron mentioned that she may be requesting a letter of support regarding Child Safety in the near future.

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VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Sandy Davie announced that the next CCPC social gathering will be held at Michael's on Main at 4 p.m. June 1st. All members are encouraged to come.
- Many CCPC members have agreed to participate for another four years and have renewed their membership. There are currently three parent openings on the council.
- The Executive Committee is working on the Master Plan and hopes to share the completed draft with members at the annual retreat next month.

VIII. STAFF REPORT

Hiranya Brewer was unable to attend.

IX. COMMITTEE ORAL REPORTS

a) SUBSIDIZED PROGRAMS CONSORTIUM

- Ellen Ortiz invited all council members to attend the Subsidized Programs Consortium meetings.
- A new web portal has been created for the Centralized Eligibility List (CEL). The web designers, the Jack Frost Co., will be invited to give a presentation to the Consortium in the near future. The CEL portal web address is <http://santacruzcountycel.org>. A new brochure as well as policies and procedures will also be shared soon.
- The Developer Fees Loan Program is an available resource that licensed providers can access to make improvements to their facilities.
- Thanks to Jim Hopper who gave the Consortium a legislative update.
- The committee did some work to strategize about unfilled subsidized slots in the community.

b) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Diane Oyler reported that the next meeting will be May 18, at the home of Julie Edwards. The committee will focus on suggestions made by participants of the Marcy Whitebook presentation on her workforce development report. Marcy said she would be available to support Santa Cruz's efforts on communication between community colleges and universities on issues of articulation between the two systems' ECE programs. At the presentation on April 23rd, the Professional Development Tool Kit was introduced to the community, and Marcy was very impressed with our efforts so far.

c) POLICY AND LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE/LEG. UPDATE

- Naomi Brauner gave an update on the planning efforts for the City of Scotts Valley to develop a new Family Child Care ordinance. The Planning Commission's recommendation will go to the City Council for a vote in the fall. Their proposal is to implement an administrative-only permit process with additional parking required, a 300 foot density restriction and an amnesty program to grandfather in existing programs.
- Sandy reminded people to attend the upcoming presentation by Deena Lahn of the Children's Defense Fund at COE on May 24th. Larry encouraged members to attend because it will really help them to understand the state budget and legislation issues.

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d) AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS CONSORTIUM

Diane reported on plans to hold a RAFT training for providers of school age care and education. The Consortium began talking about using the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) assessment tool to help standardize best practices among all afterschool programs. Members are putting together a wish list of trainings to develop if additional funds become available.

e) ECE CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Jean reported that the committee is scurrying to get last minute details taken care of before the conference. They are very excited about the beautiful color brochures this year. The conference has expanded from two workshop sessions to three. There is a large crew of volunteers, the registration numbers look good and the committee is excited that things have gone so smoothly. The details can also be viewed on the CCPC website.

X. PUBLIC HEARING: 2007 CHILD CARE EXPANSION FUNDING PRIORITIES REPORT

The Policy and Local Planning Committee presented the proposed 2007 Priorities Report for State and Federal Child Care Expansion Funding. The Committee heard feedback from council members and members of the public. Members spent time going over the Priorities Report and edited the following specific areas:

- Members decided to add some conditions to the 1st priority ranking, to include zip codes with high risk factors or low API scores and take that into consideration in the ranking system. This decision moves Live Oak to a Priority 1.
- Members decided to remove the paragraph from the footnotes with the ***.
- It was suggested to change the column with the priority coding to a vertical orientation so it wouldn't be confusing in the grid.
- It would be better to round up the percents.
- It was also suggested that the places where it says child care, be changed to subsidized center child care.
- Katie LeBaron suggested creating a bullet point page that clarifies some of the information presented.

Marilyn Moore made a motion to accept the Priorities Report with the suggested changes, Sandy Davie seconded, Maria Castro opposed. Motion passed with changes to be made.

XI. PATH TO INCLUSION COLLABORATIVE

Diane Oyler announced that Janice Bataglia of Santa Clara's Path to Inclusion Collaborative will be visiting with the Santa Cruz County Collaborative in June.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Deena Lahn of Children's Defense Fund to present on State and Federal Budget on Thursday, May 24, 1:00-3:00 @ The COE Board Room.

CCPC All Day Retreat: Friday, June 22, 2007, 9:00-4:00 @ Cabrillo College Horticulture Center.