



**The Santa Cruz County
Child Care Planning Council**
El Consejo de Planeación de Cuidado
Infantil del Condado de Santa Cruz
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Preschool For All Taskforce Meeting

Tuesday, August 23, 2005, 1:30-3:00
COE, Ed Services Conference Room

Minutes

Confirmed Committee Members: Carole, Sandy, Naomi, David, Vicki, Tricia, Irene, Claudia, Pam, Wilma, Marcia

Possible Committee Members: Rebecca Daniel-Burke (PACE AP), Nancy K. Brown, Lenore Kenny, Kathy Lathrop, Julie Edwards

Members Present: Carole, Sandy, Naomi, David, Vicki, Marcia.

- I. Hiranya reviewed the Taskforce Goals. The Committee asked that she ensure that these goals contain all prior work done to date. The goals were stated as follows:
 1. Develop better understanding of how other PFA programs have been cultivated. Identify problems/concerns and create solutions. (Bring in consultants from counties where PFA programs have been developed- October CCPC meeting).
 2. Develop an assessment of needs for care for children prior to entering kindergarten (gather "hard data").
 3. Countywide Taskforce of all stakeholder groups (See June PFA Committee Minutes).
- II. The Committee discussed plans for the PFA panel event to be held at the October Planning Council Meeting. The regularly scheduled meeting falls on Yom Kippur, so Hiranya will reschedule this Planning Council meeting for another date in October.

Following is the plan for the event:

- a. Purpose for the event
 1. Get grounded in context (regionally, statewide, nationally)
 2. Educate people and key stakeholders about the initiative
 3. Educate people and key stakeholders about preschool/child development
 4. Get a jump start on planning process (lessons learned, roles of agencies/government)
 5. Identify main issues/obstacles
 6. Identify funding possibilities

- b. Audience for the event (Who should be invited?)

Confirmed Panelists: Angie Garling, Jeannie McGloughlin, Gloria Costal
Confirmed Guests: Diane Siri, Susan True, Kathleen Howard (Soquel),
Guests to Invite: First 5 Commissioners, all other District Superintendents, Board of Supervisors

The committee discussed whether or not to also invite the Cabrillo ECE Department Chair, the CSUMB Human Development Program Coordinator, the SJSU ECE Department Director, all Santa Cruz County Center Directors and all Family Child Care Providers in Santa Cruz County. The conversation was inconclusive and members agreed to discuss this further via email.

- c. Format of the event

1. Introduction - Wilma Gold (1 min)
2. Diane and Susan - To articulate partnership, introduce setting. (2 mins each)
3. Moderator- Wilma Gold
Panelists present (15 mins each)- PowerPoint and handouts
4. Question and Answer Session (using cards?) (45 mins)
5. Announcement/Description of January Forum. Send around mailing list. (10 mins)

- d. Content/Focus of the event

What is PFA?

- Overview of National, State and Local PFA efforts

Why PFA?

- Evidence of benefits of PFA

How has it worked in other Counties?

- Beginning steps
- Identifying Partners
- Engaging Board of Supervisors
- Collaboration
- Trade Offs

- e. Follow-up plan

- Define taskforce roles, who will decide who is on the taskforce?
- Large community forum (January?)- develop working groups

III. Next Taskforce meeting date: Tue, September 27

Items for next agenda:

Finalize plans for October event.