



**The Santa Cruz County Child Care Planning Council**  
**El Consejo de Planificación de Cuidado Infantil del Condado de Santa Cruz**  
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**Policy and Local Planning Committee**  
**February 26, 2008, 2:30-4:30 PM**  
**County Office of Education, Student Services Conference Room**

## **Minutes**

**Members in Attendance:** Naomi Brauner (Parent, Committee Co-Chair) and Carole Mulford (COE Child Development Programs Coordinator, Committee Co-Chair), Ann Wise (San Lorenzo Valley Community Member), Jim Hopper (DSS) and Ellen Murtha, (Child Care Ventures Manager).

**Facilitator:** Diane Oyler, Child Care Planning Council Coordinator

### **I. Welcome and introductions.**

Naomi Brauner, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM . Members were welcomed and introduced themselves.

### **II. Candidate for the 27<sup>th</sup> CA State Assembly District Forum**

Naomi Brauner discussed the interest in developing a Candidates Forum from CCPC membership. She led the discussion on the following:

- Identify the candidates running for 27<sup>th</sup> CA State Assembly District
- Identify possible host and sponsors for the forum with CCPC
- Explore the purpose of the Forum: Educate the candidates on child care issues in Santa Cruz County, regional and state.
- Invitations to Forum would be mailed to providers, afterschool programs, and child care related agencies and others.
- Jim Hopper mentioned that providers in South Co. and North Co. have very different issues and we need to keep these differences in mind as we develop questions for candidates. North County has land issues and South County has business survival issues.
- Naomi suggested using the EIR and R&R Portfolio as resources to help educate the candidates.
- Assembly candidate's forum questions will focus on regional market rates, global CA issues, and lack of funding affecting most providers. Employer Sponsored Child Care, CCL visitation issues for child care facilities, infant/Toddler care, facilities, staff, appropriate fees, subsidized programs braiding of funding streams
- Committee members agreed to ask Planning Council members for one or two questions to ask the candidates. Ask David Foster, Kathy Lathrop, Marcia Meyer, Nicole Young for possible questions.
- CCPC will coordinate with CDRC to send invitations to child care providers.
- Committee members agreed that scheduling, a moderator, location and invitations will be decided by Mid-March.

- Board of Supervisor's focus has historically been land use and zoning issues.
- Naomi suggested CCPC host a breakfast for Board of Supervisor candidates and present on local child care issues.
- For Live Oak, it was suggested Trisha Pastor Cross attend as well as other leaders. Possible question: How do you balance Live Oak's interests with what's going on in the county? There are seven people running for Jan Beautz's seat.

**Action Items were divided up amongst the committee members:**

- Diane will research questions that affect CA child care issues from CCPC Regional Coordinators Assoc, R&R Network Public Policy.
- Jim will research Salinas child care housing and development model encouraging developers to include child care in housing developments.
- Diane will ask Elaine Henning, Voucher Project and Barbara Griffin, Campus Kids Connection, for insight on Afterschool issues.
- Jim will address questions on health and safety requirements and lack of oversight from Community Care Licensing
- Ellen will research the League of Women Voters and SCIU schedules for their candidate forums.
- Diane will secure a room at SCCOE and/or Cabrillo College
- Committee requests League of Women Voters to moderate.
- Committee members agreed on invitation list: child care related orgs. child care centers staff, parents, family child care providers.
- Carole Mulford and Ali will coordinate media.
- Committee agreed to ask other child care related agencies to co-sponsor CCPC Candidates Forum.

**III. Statewide Policy/Legislative Update**

**Jim reported:**

- **FCC Union Bill SB867:** On the fast track but would not go into effect until 2011. This bill left out of the negotiation provision.
- **Heritage Schools by Huff:** Currently there are 3,000 Cultural Schools in CA. Heritage school for children from other countries will be exempt from licensing requirements.
- **AB2453 Spot Bill:** Requiring FCC to have ECE training.
- Jim mentioned the new Assemblymember Steinberg is a strong advocate of child care.

**IV. Next Meeting Agenda Items**

**V. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008, 2:30-4:30 PM, COE Student Services Conference Room