



## **Policy and Local Planning Committee**

**Friday, June 1st, 2007, 2:00-4:00 PM**

**County Office of Education, Educational Services Conference Room**

**Members Present:** Naomi Brauner (Parent, Committee Co-Chair), Carole Mulford (COE Child Development Programs Coordinator, Committee Co-Chair Co-Chair), Larry Drury (GoKids, Executive Director), Jim Hopper (Department of Social Services), Ellen Murtha (ChildCare Ventures) and Ann Wise (San Lorenzo Valley Community Member).

### **Minutes**

#### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

All present were welcomed and introduced themselves.

#### **II. Discuss Scotts Valley Family Child Care Ordinance – next steps?**

Hiranya to talk to Susan Westman regarding the 500 foot radius decision.

Committee to consider offering to send out a press release in August thanking the SV City Council for their work on this ordinance.

#### **III. Discuss 2007 Priorities Report – lessons learned?**

AND discuss recently released report on LPCs' role in setting priorities for Title V funding developed by graduate students at UC Berkeley (see attached).

Hiranya presented the latest draft of the Santa Cruz County Priorities Report along with the recently published report conducted by graduate students at UC Berkeley on the topic of priority setting for child care across the state. Members reviewed both reports and made the following suggestions:

- Hiranya to find out what the Association is planning to do in response to the UC Berkeley report.
- CDD should pay to hire a consultant to assist counties with data collection and analysis to ensure a consistent process statewide.
- What do we do with our Priorities Report now? Put this on the agenda for the next Policy Committee meeting.

#### **IV. Statewide policy/legislation update/discussion**

Jim Hopper gave an overview of the following currently proposed bills in the state legislation. An overview is posted to the CCPC website: [www.childcareplanning.org](http://www.childcareplanning.org)

Committee members specifically discussed issues with AB313 pertaining to a statewide "A, B, C" rating system for child care facilities. Concerns include:

- i. A "C" rating represents grave problems, whereas the public may perceive a "C" as adequate.
- ii. What support will be available to programs who get a low grade to improve their score?
- iii. The grade is based on licensing history rather than quality of care.
- iv. Bill is "in suspense" because it is going to cost a lot of money.
- v. Scores to be posted on the internet and would have to be posted in a conspicuous place in center or FCC home.

**V. Discuss Santa Cruz General Plan child care policies – next steps?**

Naomi and Hiranya recapped process of developing and submitting suggested child care goal/policy language to the Santa Cruz City General Plan Advisory Committee. All but two policies suggested by our committee were adopted by GPAC. Hiranya to inquire about opportunity to go before Planning Commission to thank the GPAC committee for working with us to adopt a comprehensive child care section of the General Plan.

**VI. Discuss CCPC Retreat Plans re: Committee Formation/Goal Setting**

Hiranya shared plans for committee goal setting process at annual CCPC retreat. Rather than getting into committees and developing goals from scratch, the plan is to “shop” for goals from amongst the goals of the Master Plan. That way the committee work of the Council will all be aligned with the Master Plan, and, in the process, the Master Plan committee can get feedback from the Council members re: goals that need to be added or amended. Members agreed that this sounded like a good plan.

**VII. Adjourned for Summer break.**

**Next meeting:** Fall Date TBD