



Policy and Local Planning Committee
September 26, 2006, 3:30-5:00 PM
County Office of Education, Educational Services Conference Room

Members Present: Naomi Brauner (Parent, Committee Co-Chair), Larry Drury (GoKids, Executive Director), Alison Endert (Staff to Assemblymember John Laird) and Elaine Henning (Voucher Project, Director).

Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Naomi Brauner called the meeting to order at 3:35. All members present introduced themselves.

II. Review and Refine Committee Goals.

Members reviewed and edited the committee's annual goals. Final goals are posted to the CCPC website under "Agendas and Minutes": www.childcareplanning.org

III. Update on recent Scotts Valley City Council meeting re: child care ordinances.

Hiranya and Jim Hopper gave a brief update on the issue of Scotts Valley's ordinances that pertain to the development of new child care programs (Center and Family Child Care) within the city of Scotts Valley. According to [ChildCare Ventures'](#) 2005 publication: "The Use Permit Process for Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes in Santa Cruz County" (which can be found on the CCPC's website under the Policy and Local Planning Committee section of the "Committees" page, Scotts Valley's child care ordinances are overly restrictive and thus hinder the development of new child care programs in the city.

The Child Care Planning Council recently submitted a letter to the Scotts Valley City Council offering our assistance in the development of new, child friendly, family focused policies. This letter can also be found under the Policy and Local Planning Committee section of the "Committees" page of the CCPC website.

Policy Committee members agreed to follow-up on this offer by going to visit Mayor Stephanie Aguilar and Councilmember Paul Marigonda.

IV. Update and discussion on AB 172 (Chan) – Preschool Expansion

Hiranya gave an update on AB172 (Chan) which was signed into law and will enact the Governor's proposed new preschool expansion funding. Hiranya also read a list of child care related bills that had either been signed, vetoed or were dead.

Three updates on child care legislation are posted as attachments on the "Agendas and Minutes" page of the CCPC website (one from the statewide Resource & Referral Network, one from the Child Development Policy Institute and one from San Diego County" Child Care Administration, Strategic Planning & Operational Support).

V. Update and discussion on SB 697 – Unionization of family child care providers.

Hiranya and Jim Hopper gave an update on the status of Senate Bill 697 which would afford Family Child Care Providers the right to representation. The bill is currently on the Governor's Desk. A summary of this bill is included in the above mentioned documents which can be found on the CCPC website.

VI. Review Overall Legislative Update. Assign members to monitor important bills.

Members discussed how to approach the task of monitoring state legislation pertaining to child care. As the legislative session just ended, members agreed to readdress the issue of assigning people to monitor specific legislation again in January when the new legislative session begins. In the meantime, Council staff and members alike will focus on relationship building with local elected officials and strategizing on our advocacy efforts regarding implementation/roll out of bills that have passed which will affect our local child care community.

VII. Discussion/Action Planning re: Getting Child Care in Santa Cruz City General Plan.

Chair Naomi Brauner presented a request to the Policy Committee to address the Santa Cruz City Planning Department's updating efforts of the City's General Plan. She cited West Sacramento City's General Plan, which includes a complete Child Care Element, as a model from which to draw in working to ensure that our city's general plan is child care inclusive. Members agreed that this was an important matter for the Policy Committee to address and requested the staff and chairperson to obtain additional information on the best way to provide input into this process. Staff agreed to contact David Foster, former CCPC member and Santa Cruz City Planning Commissioner to request more information on the current General Plan's inclusiveness of child care concerns as well as potential areas for improvement. Naomi will contact Don Lane, Chair of the General Plan Advisory Committee to inquire about opportunities for input.

VIII. Set next meeting agenda.

- a. Draft an advocacy platform for Policy Committee and Planning Council.
- b. The future of universal preschool- where do we go from here?
- c. Priority Setting Report
- d. Child Care Element in City General Plan

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 3:00-4:30 PM, County Office of Education Ocean/Pacific Rm.