



**The Santa Cruz County
Child Care Planning Council**
El Consejo de Planeación de Cuidado
Infantil del Condado de Santa Cruz
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Policy and Local Planning Committee Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, April 4, 2006, 4:00-5:00
COE, Ed Services Conference Room

Members: Larry Drury (Chair), Elaine Henning, Lupe Mendoza, Ed Nadolski, Ann Wise

I. Priority Setting:

- Members present discussed the results of their recent meeting with Cecilia Espinola (Director of HRA and First 5 Santa Cruz County Commissioner). Cecilia recommended that the Planning Council consider First 5's geomapping results showing risk factors by zip code throughout the county in developing priorities for new state child care funding. Members compared First 5's map of Combined Risk Factors by zip code area (see First 5's website: f5scc.org) with the Labor Force Participation rates shown in the Needs Assessment which indicate the need for child care.

Members found that only three zip codes differed in their ranking in terms of their relative rate of combined risk factors and their need for child care. These three zip codes are: 95019 (Freedom) which has a *high* rate of combined risk factors but a *low* need for new child care slots, 95006 (Boulder Creek), which shows a *low* rate of combined risk factors but a *high* need for new child care slots and 95073 (Soquel), which shows a *high* rate of combined risk factors and a *medium* need for new child care slots.

- Members set a timeline for presenting priorities to Board of Supervisors and Superintendent of Schools for official approval. The priorities will be brought to the Child Care Planning Council at their May 11th meeting and, upon approval, will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors and Superintendent of Schools by May 16th. The priorities must be submitted to CDE by May 30th.

II. *Tabled until next meeting:* Discuss implications for child care field of current bills pertaining to child care. Discuss possible response/positions to take. (See attached Legislative Update).

Next Policy Committee meeting date: April 25th, 2005, 4:00 to 5:00