



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

Tuesday, August 23, 2005, 3:30-5:00
COE, Ed Services Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

- I. David presented the committee with a letter to the City Planning Commission regarding an ordinance which would establish large permit fees for opening Large Family Child Care homes in non-residential zones. This ordinance will be heard Wednesday, August 24, 2005. David requested approval to sign this letter from the Child Care Planning Council. The Policy Committee approved the letter in concept. Hiranya to request approval from the Executive Committee. Upon approval, David to present to the City Planning Commission.
- II. Larry reviewed the 05-06 Policy Committee goals. Committee members agreed to maintain these goals as stated. They are as follows:
 1. Participate and provide assistance for Legislative Forum on September 30.
 2. Continue providing education/information to elected officials including Needs Assessment and issues related to general plan and zoning issues as needed
 3. Monitor and advocate for/oppose local and state policy issues (including on PFA)
- III. The committee discussed plans for presenting the LPC Priorities to the Board of Supervisors.
 - A. The committee decided to submit the Priorities after the Needs Assessment has been submitted
 - B. The committee developed the following discussion points for meeting with Supervisors regarding the the change in priorities:
 - Priorities only pertain to state funded programs and only affect possible new funding for child care.
 - Setting all zip codes as Priority 1 means that the application process will be open to all state funded programs (funding decisions would be made based on the merit of the application and statement of need alone).
 - The Needs Assessment is a review of the entire population and only one section is focused on subsidized care. Priorities are only based on this section of the data.
 - Subcontracting of slots means zip code priorities are not strictly observed.

C. Hiranya agreed to schedule a meeting with Mark Stone (September 6th or 7th at 4:00) to request advice on presenting Priorities to other Supervisors. Ed and Anne plan to come to this meeting. Hiranya will check on his office hours in Boulder Creek.

D. Committee members plan to attend the BOS meeting in October (?) to support Priorities

IV. Committee discussed their interest in participating in the Seven County Legislative Forum to be held on September 30 in Milpitas.

Committee members agreed to help build packets prior to the event and those that are able to attend will help on the day of the event. Hiranya will also ask for LPC members to volunteer to build packets prior to Sept. 30 and to help on the day of the event. Hiranya to ask Voucher Project if they are interested in sponsoring attendees again this year.

V. Next Policy Committee meeting date: Tue, September 27, 3:30-5

Items for next agenda:

1. Identify Current Policy/Planning Issues to focus on within the following areas (as set at retreat):
 - a. Local and state policy issues
 - b. Local and State general plan/zoning issues
 - c. Issues pertaining to lack of facilities
2. Discuss presenting/distributing Needs Assessment to Elected Officials
3. Discuss possibility of setting up a presentation to Council at upcoming LPC meeting re: lack of and safety of transportation (Many LPC Members want more information on this topic.)