



**The Santa Cruz County
Child Care Planning Council**
El Consejo de Planeación de Cuidado
Infantil del Condado de Santa Cruz
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Subsidized Programs Consortium Meeting
Wednesday, September 7, 2005, 9-10
COE, Ed Services Conference Room

Members Present: Wilma Gold (UCSC Campus Child Care), Kathy Lathrop (Pájaro Valley Unified), Elizabeth Lopez (HRA) and Ellen Ortiz (Independent Consultant).

Minutes

- I. Members reviewed the Consortium goals. Consortium Goals are as follows:
 1. Coordinate and broker full use of funded slots.
 2. Provide information and education on Centralized Eligibility List.
 3.
 - A) Involve state consultants from funding agencies
 - B) Provide in-house technical assistance and training on new regulations
 - C) Protest unreasonable/unfunded new requirements (eg. Desired Results)

- II. Members discussed current parameters for implementation of a countywide Centralized Eligibility List (CEL). The CEL contract will be administered by our local Alternative Payment Program (the Santa Cruz County Voucher Project) in collaboration with the Child Development Resource Center. A regional approach to CEL implementation is currently being considered by representatives from Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito Counties. Members discussed the purpose of the CEL both in terms of its use for recruitment and enrollment by center directors and in terms of its use for locating child care services and funding for parents. More information on implementation of the CEL will be presented at our November Consortium meeting. ***The November meeting time has been rescheduled to the third Wednesday of the month (November 16th)*** to allow for those participating in a regional meeting on CEL implementation on November 2nd to bring this information to the committee.

- III. Members briefly discussed new rules regarding the enrollment of children from Child Protective Services. Ellen Ortiz agreed to present this information in detail to the Consortium at our next meeting: Wednesday, October 5th.

- IV. Items for future agendas:
 1. Review and discuss contracts and sub-contracts. Update Program Contracts Grid. (Diane to bring vacancy rates.) (***October 5th meeting***)
 2. Review new rules re: CPS - Ellen Ortiz (***October 5th meeting***)
 3. Centralized Eligibility List (***November 16th meeting***)
 4. Share enrollment practices (Tentatively -***December 7th meeting***)
 5. *If and when our state consultant visits, discuss:* Redeploying unused slots in the county (ie. Contractors don't find out until it's too late to save the slots. What is the very earliest point in time that she can let us know about situations in which slots may be lost? What can we do differently? Can we permanently re-contract rather than subcontract slots?). We need to create a process for keeping slots in the county. Contracts should include possibility of subcontracting unused slots.