



MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 8, 2009
Santa Cruz County Office of Education
400 Encinal Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Members Present: Vicki Boriack, Naomi Brauner, Elizabeth Chavez, Sandy Davie, Larry Drury, Irene Freiberg, Wilma Gold, Erika Ismerio, Linda Kishlansky, Sita Moon, Michele Mosher, Ellen Murtha, Ellen Ortiz, Jerri Winner, Ann Wise, Nicole Young

Excused Absences: Christine Furlanic, Jean Gallagher-Heil, Elaine Henning, Rob Mullen, Tricia Pastor-Cross, Flora Zulli

Guest: Jim Hopper, Leticia Mendoza, Theresa Rouse

Staff Present: Diane Oyler, Carole Mulford

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

- Introductions were made and the meeting came to order.

II. AGENDA REVIEW AND QUORUM CHECK

- No changes to the agenda
- Quorum established

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- September minutes
- Staff report

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda items with correction made by Barbara Griffin and seconded by Brian Sanford. Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- No comments

V. PROCESS FOR SELECTING PRIORITY ISSUES

- Overview of the priority setting process and joint decision to focus Council efforts on a few emerging issues.
- Edited advocacy tool was distributed to members for approval.

VI. LOCAL FUNDING ISSUES

- Progress report on County Funding Task Force was presented; the Council was thanked for submitting child care data.
- County Data Sub committee workgroup will continue to have additional meetings; dates and times will be sent to Council members at a later date.
- County Funding Task Force meetings will be held, Monday, October 19th, Monday, November 9th, and Monday, January 11th, at Simpkins Swim Center, Santa Cruz.
- Using data sources, members identified the need for child care in the county.

- Talking points supporting child care will be developed by the Planning Council's Local Funding Issues committee members. Date and time to be determined.
- In addition; a letter to the Board of Supervisors followed by personal visits will assist in educating BOS about the role child care plays in sustaining a healthy community.
- Members interested in developing talking points and in face to face visits with the BOS: In January 2010 were identified: Sandy Davie, Barbara Griffin, Carole Mulford, Ellen Murtha, Ann Wise, and Diane Oyler.
- Target date of November 1st. to mail materials to BOS.

VII. ASAP PLAN

- Overview of ASAP plan was presented to members.
 - Connecting Ready Kids to Ready Schools Forum information was shared with Council members and materials were shared.
 - The *Child Snapshot* was identified as a tool to connect pre-k to kindergarten teachers and families.
 - Coordination of a pre-k kindergarten forum was presented to council members.
 - Forum outcomes would be; district coordination of the Child Snapshot by representative members attending the Forum. Follow by scheduling district meetings in support of Child Snapshot coordination and outcomes.
 - Head Start Child Snapshot Experience:
 - 1) Head Start is mandated to provide transition services; and have provided a Child Snapshot for many years to kindergarten teachers.
 - 2) Child Snapshots contain early educators contact information, which is an important feature for kindergarten teaches.
 - 3) A picture of the child is included as well as academic, social emotional and self regulation proficiencies, and family information.
 - 4) At the October Transition and Articulation committee meeting members were in favor of institutionalizing/standardizing the Child Snapshot. Kindergarten teachers felt it contains useful and important information on the children transitioning into kindergarten classrooms.
 - To support transition activities early educators need to know Kindergarten roundup dates.
 - Standardizing kindergarten roundup dates in school districts and/or county would create systemic change of the process.
 - Kindergarten teachers are seeking help from early educators to understand early childhood education.
 - Some elementary schools are doing a good job - need to use them as models.
 - Council members volunteered to attend the next Transition and Articulation committee meeting in November: Irene
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- In addition, members requested completing workforce recommendations one and two – how to deliver and disseminate ECE AS and BA information to early care professionals.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Path To Inclusion Collaborative has met –the Regional Resource Center reported there are new eligibly criteria for at risk eligibility. Children will not have direct services available to them and Respite care has been eliminated. Draft of the PTIC Resource binder, SCCOE and community resources developed by First 5 will be available at the Central Coast Early Care Conference.
- Live Oak Family Resource Center capital campaign is underway in support of building a new center – the donations will be matched.
- Head Start received full funding from ARRA grants for Early Head Start and 44 child care slots for regular head start.
- It was reported the funding for CA Child Development Consortium funding for training and permit renewal process has changed - reduced at the state level. This leaves these programs less secure then before. Will need support from LPC's.
- New partnership between Beach Flats Community Center and Community Bridges – upcoming community celebration will be Friday, November 6th, from 3:30 at Beach Flats Center.
- Community Care Licensing: growing concern about the 5 year visits to licensed child care – this will affect the quality and oversight of child care in our state.
- Jim Hopper will retire from Department of Social Services later this month.
- Arts on Child Abuse exhibit will be held Oct 24th – Council member will display paintings on the subject.
- PG & E - CREEP program offers free energy evaluation and support for licensed child care centers to lower energy costs.
- Women's Commission Report: recommendations were made suggesting the Board of Supervisors refer to CCPC reports and assistance concerning child care issues.

IX. Adjournment of monthly meeting was adjourned at 4:05

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 12, at SCCOE, 400 Encinal St. Santa Cruz, CA from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm.
