



**The Santa Cruz County Child Care Planning Council**  
El Consejo de Planeación de Cuidado Infantil del Condado de Santa Cruz  
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**MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, November 13, 2008, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Location: Sesnon House  
6500 Soquel Dr. Soquel, CA 95003**

**Members Present:** Naomi Brauner, Larry Drury, Christine Furlanic, Irene Freiberg, Jean Gallaher-Heil, Wilma Gold, Barbara Griffin, Elaine Henning, Alma Martinez, Sita Moon, Marilyn Moore, Michele Mosher, Ellen Murtha, Tricia Pastor-Cross, Therese Valdez, Claudia Vestal, Jerri Winner, Ann Wise, Nicole Young.

**Excused Absences:** Elizabeth Chavez, Maria Castro, Sandy Davie  
Linda Kishlansky, Rob Mullen, Ellen Ortiz, Wesley Van Camp

**Guests Present:** Bonnie Farrar-Dunbar, Jane Hiesey, Jim Hopper, Kathy Lathrop, Craig Young.

**Staff Present:** Diane Oyler, Carole Mulford

**I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS**

Meeting was called to order at 3:10 by Ellen Murtha.

**II. ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Quorum established.

**III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) November minutes.
- b) CCPC Membership Grid
- c) CCPC Meeting Schedule

Motion made by Marilyn Moore, seconded by Larry Drury, motion passed.

Abstentions: Jean Gallagher-Heil, Naomi Brauner, Irene Freiberg, Christine Furlanic, Barbara Griffin, Elaine Henning, Therese Valdez.

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Carol Mulford reminded Council members that the Preschool Planning Committees will meet between 4:00 & 4:30 for committee update reports.
- b) Julie Olsen-Edwards sent a thank you card to the Council for having been awarded the annual Visionary Award.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- a) Nicole Young was acknowledged on facilitating the discussion at the Triple P meeting that was held on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. Triple P is an evidence based parent ed program that Santa Cruz Co. is looking into adopting. Ellen M. reiterated the



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importance of Council members being involved in these meetings.

**VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

- a) No meeting this month.
- b) Update on the Community Children's Center (CCC): Michael Zuckerman president of the Board, accompanied by members of the Human Care Alliance, will make one-on-one visits with Santa Cruz City Council members to look at alternatives if the funding is cut to CCC. The Human Care Alliance drafted a process that the city could use when making cuts to a single agency. CCV, at the very least, is advocating that if the city is determined to approve the recommendation to de-fund CCC at the end of December, that the money be ear-marked for child care.
- c) Ellen reminded Council members of professional growth opportunities:
  - Sandy Davie will be presenting a workshop on fund raising for early care and education programs on November 19 from 1:30 to 3:00.
  - Tricia Pastor will continue her series on performance evaluations. Part 2 of the series is scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - A Director's Round Table is scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church.
- d) Ellen M. asked for volunteers to develop talking points for presentations on the Master plan to be used with other groups/agencies that might want to adopt some of the strategies. Wilma Gold, Therese Valdez, Sandy Davie, and Diane Oyler were appointed to the committee.

**VII. STAFF REPORT**

- a.) Diane O. attended the LPC annual coordinator conference. She informed Council members of the new requirement that legislators are requesting regarding self assessment on an annual basis. It consists of 7 components all of which the CCPC is in compliance. Diane will send the report to CDD.
- b.) Diane O. announced that the legislature would like to see the way Counties set priorities for funding standardized. Santa Cruz Planning Council along with other



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counties similar in size to Santa Cruz Co. are piloting a process to standardize the report which can then be used as a tool for prioritizing. It must be completed by 11/19/08 at which time it will be sent to CDD and presented to the legislators. Council members were concerned about the possibility that a standardized tool may not incorporate diversity and need. Members were asked to e-mail concerns and comments to Diane.

- c.) Membership: Diane O. approached Erika Ismerio (YMCA), and Gail Evans (ROP instructor at Watsonville High School) to join the Planning Council. Erika has submitted her application to the Board of Supervisors. Gail will visit the next Council meeting in December.
- d.) A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on October 16th at COE. Tours given and an overview of CCPC/CDRC activities was presented by Carole and Diane to local elected officials and community members.
- e.) An Early Learning Quality Improvement Advisory committee comprised of thirteen individuals is being established as a result of passage of SB1629 (Steinberg). SB1629 will establish a rating system for ECE programs to improve quality. The goal of the committee is to review the early learning quality system and develop implementation strategies. A motion was made to recommend Larry Drury to be one of the positions to the Early Learning Quality Improvement Committee. A letter will be submitted to Senator Don Perata before the end of November. Motion: Marilyn Moore seconded by Wilma Gold. Abstentions: Therese Valdez. Motion passed.

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, December 11, 2008, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Location: Sesnon House, 6500 Soquel Dr. Aptos, CA 95003.