



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, December 10, 2009**  
**Santa Cruz County Office of Education**  
**400 Encinal Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060**

**Members Present:** Vicki Boriack, Naomi Brauner, Larry Drury, Irene Freiberg, Jean Gallagher-Heil, Linda Kishlansky, Sita Moon, Michele Mosher, Rob Mullen, Ellen Murtha, Ellen Ortiz, Tricia Pastor-Cross, Brian Sanford, Jerri Winner, Nicole Young.

**Absent Members:** Elizabeth Chavez, Christine Furlanic, Barbara Griffin, Wilma Gold, Elaine Henning, Erika Ismerio, Ann Wise, Flora Zulli.

**Guests:** Leticia Mendoza, Theresa Rouse, Kathy Lathrop, Maria Castro, Sonia Cervantes, Christina Herrera, Lisa Hindman Holbert, Barbara Best.

**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 were made to the agenda.
  - Quorum was established.
- III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
  - October and November minutes were approved with suggested changes from members.
  - Standing Committee – Voluntary Temporary Transfer Policy  
The council made several suggestions concerning the VTTP document. Editing and follow up is necessary to address council's suggestions regarding Brown Act and Public Information Act. Follow up and edits will be addressed at January's meeting before voting to approve the VTTP policy.
  - Staff Report
  - Motion to accept the Consent Agenda items; Oct. and Nov. minutes and Staff Report was made by Larry D. and seconded by Brian S. Motion carried. Abstentions: Irene, Rob, Ellen M.
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
  - Ellen M. reported she is recruiting volunteers to attend Tax Review training workshop on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at the Santa Cruz Community Credit Union, Community Room. The workshop will assist low income families identify how to save money on their taxes.
  - Maria C. Migrant Head Start will expand services to North County families; expansion funding will enable MHS to serve 15 children. Maria requested support in locating families to participate in the program. Program flyers were distributed to members.

- Jerri W. reported that Head Start Santa Cruz County will host a job fair to fill 28 positions made possible by new federal expansion funding.

## V. PRESENTATIONS

- Consuelo Espinoza, CA EL QIS Advisory Committee member gave an overview of the history of her participation in the EL QIS Advisory Committee. Copies of the PowerPoint were distributed to members.
- Early Learning Quality Improvement System purpose is to improve the quality and outcomes for children in early care and education programs by:
  - 1) Developing a quality five tier rating system
  - 2) Drafting a final report assessing the early care and education assets and needs in the state by end of 2010.
  - 3) Assist in positioning CA to apply for future ARRA federal funding.
- Release of the draft EL QIS Advisory Interim report was postponed until early January 2010.
- The December meeting focused on five tiers rating system.
- EL QIS Subcommittees are held at various locations throughout the state; this is where much of the planning and work is conducted – it is important to send county representatives to these meetings.
- February 2010 meeting will be in San Mateo, CA, topics for discussion will be: Community Care Licensing and Design.
- Consuelo agreed to return with Denise Fedkuers, PACE, at a later date this fiscal year.
- Questions were asked regarding:
  - 1) EL QIS reporting timeline.
  - 2) Whether the Governor supports the report or will it be tabled.
  - 3) Will recommendations from the report be reviewed and implemented?
  - 4) Reviewing the EL QIS interim draft report and sending input from the early care and education field is welcome and needed by the EL QIS Advisory Committee members.
- Diane will forward EL QIS meeting dates and locations to council members.

## VI. ASAP PLAN

- Carole presented a review of All Succeed with Access Preschool (ASAP) activities to date.
  - Diane will send the organizational chart to members.
  - Together For Kindergarten is the official name of the Community Forum.
  - Save the Date information was mentioned and distributed.
  - The TFK committee is coordinating with ASR to develop a project logic model.
  - Members were invited to join the committee; meeting dates and times were shared.
  - Miche M. shared ECE workforce activities and met with Nancy K. Brown; Nancy agreed to present a workshop in March 2010 on *Path Ways to the B.A.* Details will follow.
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VII. LOCAL FUNDING ISSUES – COUNTY TASK FORCE

- Ellen M. presented draft talking points to council members.
- She presented an update on the County Task Force funding regarding child care.
- Stories on the importance of child care to working families was requested.
- Council members reviewed the talking point and gave input such as adding health and safety issues as well.
- Clarification was made about the talking points usages.
- Child care provides a safety net for the children by offering meals, and a safe environment for children.
- The next task force meeting will be December 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at Simpkins Swim Center.
- Appointments with Board of Supervisors will include other child care programs funded by the county.
- Members agreed the committee will fine tune the talking points.
- Council members would like to see the revised version at January meeting.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jean shared the release of "Anti-Bias Education for Young Children and Ourselves" Authors: Louise Derman-Sparks & Julie Olsen Edwards published by: NAEYC. Cabrillo College is the only college to have two published authors.

IX. Adjournment

- Monthly meeting was adjourned at 4:05

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, January, 14, 2010 at SCCOE, 400 Encinal St., Santa Cruz, CA from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

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