



The Santa Cruz County Child Care Planning Council
El Consejo de Planeación de Cuidado Infantil del Condado de Santa Cruz
www.childcareplanning.org

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 14, 2006, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

Cabrillo College Horticulture Center “Future Garden Store” Room
6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos (See Map listed as Attachment on CCPC Website)

Members Present: Naomi Brauner, Maria Castro, Larry Drury, Jean Gardner, Wilma Gold, Jim Hopper, Linda Kishlansky, Kathy Mello, Michele Mosher, Ellen Murtha, Ellen Ortiz, Diane Oyler, Tricia Pastor, Jody Pemberton, Ann Wise and Nicole Young.

Excused Absences: Elizabeth Chavez, Sandy Davie, Julie Edwards, Irene Freiberg, Barbara Griffin, Elaine Henning, Katie LeBaron, Wesley Van Camp and Claudia Vestal.

Unexcused Absences: Marilyn Moore

Public Present: Susan True, Erika Ismerio, Jim Marshall, Rob Mullen, Consuelo Espinoza

Staff Present: Hiranya Brewer, Sita Moon, Carole Mulford

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Wilma Gold called meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

Brief welcome and holiday acknowledgements.

Member introductions and wishes for the new year.

II. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

III. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Quorum established

IV. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Minutes approved without correction or addition.

Ann Wise moved

Nicole Young seconded

Passed Unanimously

V. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Naomi Brauner thanked Ann Wise who brought treats that everyone appreciated.

VI. LETTERS OF SUPPORT

None

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Wilma welcomed new council member Ellen Murtha. As of December 1st, there are four openings: two Consumer seats, one Community Representative seat and one Discretionary seat.
- Wilma announced that the Executive Committee is still working on the County Master Plan for Early Care and Education. A draft should be ready to share early in 2007.



The Santa Cruz County Child Care Planning Council
El Consejo de Planeación de Cuidado Infantil del Condado de Santa Cruz
www.childcareplanning.org

VIII. STAFF REPORT

- Hiranya announced that the 2006 Child Care Needs Assessment is packaged and ready to mail out to all local elected officials, school districts and other Early Care and Education stakeholders by the end of December.
- Hiranya gave a brief update on the AB212 Educational Incentive program. 127 total participants attended the all day training on the DRDP-R Assessment Tool on September 30th. Of these, 87 applied for an educational award. Staff will look into the reasons people decided not to apply for an award. There will be a second training offered in the Spring of 2007.
- A team of local preschool stakeholder representatives from various agencies including the County Office of Education, the Pajaro Valley Unified School District, First 5 Santa Cruz County, Cabrillo College, Head Start, Migrant Head Start and the Live Oak Child Development Program attended a recent Preschool Planning Conference held at the Alameda COE. The conference was sponsored by the California County Superintendents Education Services Association (CCSESA). Carole reported on the efforts of our Santa Cruz team and the quality of the conference in general. The team will reconvene and start working locally to follow through with efforts to bring quality free preschool to our community.
- Several agencies in our county are applying for the AB172 funding which would expand preschool services for students living in the low API scoring areas.

IX. COMMITTEE ORAL REPORTS

a) AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS CONSORTIUM

The first goal of the committee is to identify the many types and operators of after school programs that are available in our community. Nicole Young has helped to put together an online survey intended to help the committee accomplish this first goal. The survey will be emailed out to all programs listed with the CDRC referral agency to start and may expand its outreach efforts thereafter.

b) ECE CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Michele Mosher and Janine Canada are co-coordinating the conference this year. It will be called "Building Blocks for Quality Early Care and Education" and will take place at Cabrillo College on Saturday, May 12. Julie Edwards will be the Keynote speaker.

c) POLICY AND LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE/LEG. UPDATE

- Naomi Brauner gave an update on the Scotts Valley City Council meeting that members of the Policy Committee recently attended. The Policy Committee is interested in supporting Scotts Valley in the development of new ordinances regarding use permits for the establishment of family child care homes. No action was taken by the Council. The next Scotts Valley City Council meeting will be December 20th. Members of the committee will attend and report back.



The Santa Cruz County Child Care Planning Council
El Consejo de Planeación de Cuidado Infantil del Condado de Santa Cruz
www.childcareplanning.org

- The Santa Cruz City General Plan Advisory Committee will meet this evening and will hear public comment on items to be included in the City's 20 year General Plan. Members of the Policy and Local Planning Committee will attend and make recommendations to the committee regarding the inclusion of child care provisions.
- The annual Seven County Child Care Legislative Forum planning is currently underway and will most likely be held in March or April. Further news will be reported as available.

d) SUBSIDIZED PROGRAMS CONSORTIUM

Ellen Ortiz reported that due to low attendance the Consortium organized a phone survey to find out how the Consortium could encourage higher attendance by better serving the needs of its members. A follow-up discussion at the Consortium meeting led members to decide to meet every other month rather than every month. Ellen highlighted the reasons why attendance at meetings is vital for directors of subsidized programs. The networking and awareness of what is happening among programs is helpful in keeping child care slots available in our community as well as serving families more successfully.

e) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Committee did not meet last month.

X. SPECIAL PRESENTATION: ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN LAIRD

- Chair Wilma Gold welcomed Mr. Laird and thanked him for once again joining the Child Care Planning Council to share news and recommendations of interest.
- Mr. Laird began by stating that there seems to be a strong congressional focus on children's health issues this legislative session and that we should expect to see a number of related bills in the coming months. Currently, 17 of the 58 counties in the state decided on their own to fund health insurance for children. This has been a struggle and, because First 5 funding can only cover children under six years old, the funding often runs out for older children. Mr. Laird recently introduced Assembly Bill 13 which is intended to help all counties in California fund health coverage for children. The governor is also making health care for children a major issue this year as are many other assembly members.
- The Assemblyman also discussed the budget deficit and ways the budget committee is trying to address projected shortfalls.
- A current challenge faced by the House due to term limits is that 28 out of 45 members are new.
- Mr. Laird recommended that any of our colleagues in the ECE field in Patty Berg's district meet with the Assemblywoman (new chair to the Women's Caucus) to discuss child care issues. As there are currently no specified committees to advocate for child care and CalWorks like there are for many other issues, it is the Women's Caucus that often takes on these issues.
- Mr. Laird also invited Planning Council members to contact him any time they are visiting Sacramento so that his staff members can connect with people in the field and better understand child care issues.



XI. PATH TO INCLUSION COLLABORATIVE

Chair Linda Kishlansky reported on the recent efforts of the Path to Inclusion Collaborative (PTIC). In an effort to stay connected with the Child Care Planning Council (CCPC), PTIC members decided to establish its subcommittee on Technical Assistance to Child Care Providers as a CCPC committee which will be staffed by Hiranya, while the Collaborative as a whole (which also operates two additional committees) will be staffed by Vicki Boriack of First 5 Santa Cruz County. CCPC members are invited to join this new committee which will begin meeting early in 2007. Details to follow.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Diane Oyler announced that CDRC will be hosting Linda Brault to provide a training for child care administrators and providers on dealing with children with challenging behaviors. Workshop details and a Save-the-Date flier will be distributed soon.
- Carole Mulford announced that the California Preschool Instructional Network will be holding focus groups on the soon to be released Preschool Learning Standards. For more information and workshop dates, visit the CPIN website at: <http://www.sonoma.edu/cihs/cpin/standards.htm>
- Susan True of First 5 Santa Cruz announced an ELLCO training to be held this Saturday, December 16th. Community members are welcome. For more information, visit First 5's website at: <http://first5scc.org/>
- Naomi Brauner announced that Community Bridges recently launched a new website for family resources. For more information visit their website at: <http://communitybridges.org/positiveparenting.html>.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 11, 2:30-4:30 @ The County Office of Education Board Room