



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, February 12, 2009, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

**Location: Santa Cruz County Office of Education – Board room
400 Encinal St. Santa Cruz, CA**

Members Present: Maria Castro, Larry Drury, Irene Freiberg, Christine Furlanic, Wilma Gold, Jean Gallagher-Heil, Erika Ismerio, Linda Kishlansky, Sita Moon, Marilyn Moore, Miche Mosher, Ellen Murtha, Ellen Ortiz, Claudia Vestal, Wesley Van Camp, Jerri Winner, Ann Wise, Nicole Young.

Excused Absences: Naomi Brauner, Elizabeth Chavez, Sandy Davie, Barbara Griffin, Elaine Henning, Rob Mullen, Tricia Pastor-Cross, and Therese Valdez.

Guests Present: Vicki Boriack, Ali Spickler, and Jane Hiesey

Staff Present: Diane Oyler, Carole Mulford

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting was called to order by Ellen Murtha.

II. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Quorum established.

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Claudia Vestal, seconded by Wilma Gold.

IV. STAFF REPORT

a) AB212 PROGRAM UPDATE

- The January 31st DRDP training "Putting It All Together," for state funded programs and contracted family providers was a great success. There were 116 participants actively engaged in DRDP activities.

b) OTHER TRAININGS

- Part I of the Mathematics Preschool Learning Foundations workshop with a focus on geometry strand was held on February 7th and was attended by 85 participants. Part 2 will be held on March 19th, 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

c) TONI NAGLE ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

- Diane O. gave an update of the Toni Nagle Endowment Scholarship Fund. Toni was a child care provider, activist, and teacher instructor who worked with CDRC, Migrant Head Start and Cabrillo College. After she passed away an endowment fund was started in her name. Funds will be available for ECE students at Cabrillo for the fall semester.



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Diane asked for volunteers to look at establishing a screening and application process for the disbursement of funds. Maria C. and Wilma G. will serve on the committee. Donations for the fund are being accepted.

d) MASTER PLAN

- Wilma G. gave an update of the Master Plan. The goal is to make the Master Plan a living document. A committee will continue to look at how to get more community involvement. Next step: convene interested Council members to work on the implementation of the Master Plan and how to make connections with organizations and agencies who are listed as possible implementers in various sections of the Master Plan. Planning Council members were asked to provide contacts of possible agencies whose mission statements are aligned with the Planning Council goals that could be contacted for this purpose.

e) ENGLISH LANGUAGE FORUM

- Diane O. and Maria C. attended the English Language Learners Forum sponsored by the Santa Clara County Planning Council. Santa Clara is developing a strategic plan for families of children with a second language. Principles, core values, and beliefs of working with children and families were addressed. Maria C. was recognized as an authority in Santa Cruz County who is working with the challenges of working with English language learners. Santa Cruz County was also recognized for its ability to work in collaboration with other agencies who work with family child care providers. Diane O. and Maria will continue to attend future meetings of the Forum and report back to Council members.

f) STATE COORDINATORS QUARTERLY MEETING

- The state Planning Council Coordinator has introduced video conferences. This will alleviate traveling long distances in order to attend the quarterly meetings. Diane will meet with the coordinators of San Benito, Monterey and Santa Clara Counties to discuss programs that affect us locally.



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V. PRESCHOOL PLANNING

- The Preschool Collaborium presented a training on January 22nd on Preschool for all efforts on a national and state level and a review of what was being done in Santa Cruz County.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATION

- a) Maria C. announced that she is looking for resources for clusters of agricultural families in North County for possible expansion of child care services . She is looking for families who are in need of child care services. Suggestions were made to contact COPA (Joaquin Sanchez) and the Davenport Resource Center.
- b) Go Kids will be one of the major sponsors at the local ECE Conference which will be held on Oct. 10th. Members were invited to join the committee which meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at St. Stephens.
- c) Linda K. reported that First 5 is working with local pediatricians and medical homes to develop a screening and surveillance program. Trainings focus on ages and stages. The project is reaching out to Sutter Maternity and Surgical Hospital and other medical homes. Guidance sheets that practices can give to families with toddlers in English and Spanish are being distributed as a resource. Its focus is on an early intervention to aide families who may have concerns about their child and typical development.
- d) Ellen M. reported that Santa Cruz Community Ventures received a United Way financial stability grant which will allow them to work with providers to set up trainings on budgeting. There are Spanish as well as English financial education workshops now.
- e) Alli Spickler from Bill Monning's office introduced herself as the go to person handling educational and child care issues. She stated that Bill Monning was appointed chair for the legislative audit committee, sits on the budget committee and Information and Technology committees. Diane O. added that we can continue to build on the relationship that was established during the campaign.
- f) Ellen O. reported that there is no truth to the rumor that Voucher Project is running out of money.



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VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ellen M. reported that the committee met in January and discussed the current issues including advocating for federal legislation that may be more supportive of early care and education than we've seen in the last eight years.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ellen Murtha adjourned the meeting at 4:50 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 12, 2009, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Location: Cabrillo College, Sesnon House, 6500 Soquel Dr. Aptos, CA.