



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, April 16, 2009, 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Location: Sesnon House
6500 Soquel Dr. Soquel, CA 95003

Members Present: Naomi Brauner, Maria Castro, Elizabeth Chavez, Sandy Davie, Erika Esmerio, Irene Freiberg, Christine Furlanic, Wilma Gold, Barbara Griffin, Linda Kishlansky, Rob Mullen, Sita Moon, Michele Mosher, Ellen Murtha, Ellen Ortiz, Jerri Winner, Ann Wise, Nicole Young

Excused Absences:, Vicki Boriack, Tricia Pastor-Cross, Larry Drury, Jean Gallagher-Heil, Elaine Henning

Guests Present: Kathy Lathrop, Claudia Luna, Susie Polnaszek, Kim Sakamoto, Ali Spickler, Jim Hopper

Staff Present: Diane Oyler, Carole Mulford

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting was called to order by Ellen Murtha

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

III. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Quorum established.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Ann Wise, and seconded by Wilma Gold, motion passed.

V. PUBLIC HEARING – 2009 CHILD CARE EXPANSION PRIORITIES REPORT FOR SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

- Diane O. shared the Priority Report approval timeline with Council members, which is due to the Department of Education by May 30th. The report reflects state and federal subsidized level of need for children 0-12. Last year, legislators requested of the Dept. of Ed, Child Care Division to develop a uniform process by which the report would be developed. The data is based on number and percentage of children un-served including local data considerations to meet the diversity of each County. Diane presented the Priority Report developed using the prescribed new process. The report was presented and reviewed. See attachment for full report. Miche requested a change of priority for Felton, from 2 to 1 due to community distortions and demographic needs. Council members agreed.



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Wilma requested a change in priority for Freedom, from a 2 to 1 due to vulnerability needs in the community, as sited on First 5 Geo-map. Council members agreed. Diane shared total subsidized child care dollars brought into Santa Cruz County. She reminded the Council that additional subsidized dollars would follow the new Stimulus Package as well.

Diane asked the Council for approval of the amended priority report, in order to move forward to the next approval level – County Board of Supervisors.

Wilma Gold moved to approve the priority report as amended. Ellen Ortiz seconded. Motion passed. Abstentions: Linda Kishlansky.

VI. PROPOSITIONS 1D & 1E DISCUSSION

Ali Spickler spoke on behalf of Bill Monning regarding Propositions 1D & 1E on the May ballot. Ali shared that the propositions represent the way the state of California is projecting an \$8 billion deficit that it is now facing. She informed council members that if the propositions do not pass at the May special election, the state will go into an additional \$5.8 billion deficit. It will mean further cuts in social services, mental health, and children's services Carol M. reminded council members that because the SCCOE receives funds from First 5, we cannot take a position on the propositions as a Council.

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- HCA – CHILD CARE PROGRAMS UPDATE

Ellen M. shared that the Board of Supervisors approved a recommendation to make any 2009-2010 cuts to community programs across the board. This means child care is no longer a target for deeper cuts. A committee will be formed to review county funding processes and priorities. Ellen acknowledged that it was the efforts of the Human Care Alliance that saved child care.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Susan Polnashak of the Community Foundation of Monterey County spoke to Council members about the Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) project which is a new nonprofit management and leadership development institute designed to develop effective new nonprofit leaders in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties.



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Interested individuals were invited to apply. The goal is to develop the next generation of leaders.

- Wilma Gold announced that a baby shower will be held for Hiranya Brewer (former Santa Cruz Co. Planning Council coordinator) on May 16th.
- Sandy Davie announced that the Toddler Center's annual breakfast and auction is coming up in April.
- Ann Wise asked Council members to read about the League of Women's Voters positions on the propositions coming up on the May ballot.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Ellen Murtha adjourned the meeting at 4:15 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, May 14, 2009, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Location: Cabrillo College, Horticulture Building, 6500 Soquel Dr., Aptos, CA 95003.