



The Santa Cruz County Child Care Planning Council
El Consejo de Planeación de Cuidado Infantil del Condado de Santa Cruz
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RETREAT PART II MINUTES

Thursday, August 18, 2:30 - 5:30 pm

Location: Santa Cruz County Office of Education
400 Encinal St. Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Members Present: Vicki Boriack, Dana Cox, Irene Freiberg, Jean Gallagher-Heil, Barbara Griffin, Jim Hopper, Leticia Mendoza, Sita Moon, Michele Mosher, Rob Mullen, Ellen Ortiz, Hendrika Sheldon, Jerri Winner, Ann Wise, and Nicole Young.

Excused Absences: Naomi Brauner, Larry Drury, Karen Hamman, Elaine Henning, Christina Herrera, Linda Kishlansky, Tricia Pastor-Cross, and Jessica Pizzica

Guest: Maria Castro, Sohyla Fathi, and Adam Spickler

Staff Present: Diane Oyler, Carol Mulford

I. Welcome and Opening Comments

- Diane welcomed all returning and new Council members to the Retreat and introduced the new executive committee: V. Boriack, J. Gallagher-Heil, and L. Mendoza.
- New members were introduced: Denise Russo, Jessica Pizzica.
- D. Oyler reviewed the Council's mission statement and state mandates.

II. Summary of May retreat Part I

- V. Boriack gave a brief overview: Child care sustained many cuts at the state level--50% cut to all Planning Councils which forced us to think about the work the Council will do for 2011-2012 that will have the greatest impact for children and families of Santa Cruz County. How will the work be accomplished with fewer resources?
- Council members identified three focus areas for the year: a) Collaboration (non and subsidized programs), b) Early Care & Education and Public Relations, c) School Readiness (transition to kindergarten and transitional kindergarten).

III. Discuss ECE Conference and Subsidized Programs Consortium Committees

- Diane presented an overview of the two standing committee's, ECE Conference and Subsidized Programs Consortium.
- The role the committee's played in the recent years was explained.
- Committee's will continue to function this year and will meet specific goals and outcomes.

IV. Break Out Activity

- Members used advocacy template to formalize each focus area goals, action plans, resources and timelines.
- Focus group activities were listed on chart paper.
- Groups identified leadership (Co-Chairs) and spokesperson to report out in next activity.

V. Share Focus Area Goals and Activities

- Members reviewed the list of focus area activities and resources required to accomplish goals.
- The large group was asked for suggestions and additional resources to support activities.
- Missing LPC activities were identified and listed on Parking Lot chart.
- Gaps and overlap were identified.
- LPC Accomplishment Chart was referred to encourage members to sign up for more than one focus area group.

VI. Council Business, Housekeeping and Legislative Update

- Adam Spickler, Senior Field Representative for Assemblymember Bill Monning shared thoughts on possible financial resources. Possibilities include:
 - a) Criminal Justice Council: The rise in crime is correlated to grade school absenteeism. They are focusing on parent education and funding various forums to see the impact of this issue,
 - b) Health Care Services: affordable tie into the health of children to preschool services,
 - c) Go for Health Team and School Alliance (United Way) is another forum. An event will take place Oct. 8 at Cabrillo College. Perhaps the Council can have a table at the event,
 - d) S.C. Education Foundation,
 - e) SEIU is working with family child care providers to unionize. Focus is to help promote funding for members to get more education.
- A. Spickler reminded Council members that it is important to collaborate with existing teachers' unions regarding the budget.

VII. Overview of State Budget

- Gov. Brown tried to put forth a revenue extension plan before the voters and it failed.
- Prop 98 sustained a decrease of \$412M from last year's budget.
- CDD funding was removed from Prop 98. It is important to get child care funding back into Prop 98.

VIII. Council Business/Housekeeping:

- D. Oylar reminded Council members to record in-kind hours for LPC committee's and events that are attended.
- Since the Council will move to quarterly meetings, it was agreed to extend the meetings to three hours and then re-evaluate after next meeting.

IX. Closing Remarks & Next Steps

- Recap of afternoon process and outcomes.
- Members were thanked for their flexibility and creativity.

X. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.