



Policy and Local Planning Committee
January 16, 2007, 3:00-4:30 PM
County Office of Education, Educational Services Conference Room

Members Present: Carole Mulford (COE Child Development Programs Coordinator, Committee Co-Chair Co-Chair), Jim Hopper (Department of Social Services), Ellen Murtha (ChildCare Ventures), Ann Wise (San Lorenzo Valley Community Member).

Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions

All present were welcomed and introduced themselves.

II. Plan meetings with Scotts Valley City Council members.

- Intro with ChildCare Ventures' use permit book.
- 16 other providers forced to operate under ground due to lack of ordinance.
- What would be required to set up a Family Child Care. And what would the process be if someone called to complain about an existing child care program.
- Conditional use permit has been discussed at council.
- Map child care centers. What is the process that was put into place to establish child care centers that were originally opposed: Scotts Valley Montessori School-
- Three options: no permit required, administrative permit and conditional use permit. Recommend by right or, at most, by administrative permit only.
- Scotts Valley City Fire Department approving Family Child Care programs.
- Planning Commission staff work was excellent. You staff did an exceptional job in putting together the report.
- How do you see child care as positively impacting your community, contributing to your local community.
- Bring local ordinance into compliance with state law.
- Housing Element goal
- Child Care Law Center publications – canned language regarding Housing

III. Discuss addition of API scores to Priority Report.

Committee members reviewed the 2006 Priorities Report with API scores inserted. Hiranya discussed plans for a statewide review of methodologies used in conducting county level priorities reports, however the results from this study will not be available prior to the due date for the 2007 Priorities Report. Members agreed to complete the report in a similar fashion to last year's report but include API scores as well.

IV. Statewide policy/legislation update/discussion

No update at this time.

V. Update on Santa Cruz City General Plan recommendations.

Naomi and Hiranya are receiving email updates from the General Plan Advisory Committee and will follow-up with recommendations regarding placement of child care policies throughout plan as appropriate.

VI. Review and revise draft advocacy platform

Tabled until next meeting.

VII. Update on preschool planning

No update at this time. The February follow-up meeting of members of a 10 person team representing Santa Cruz County at a regional CCSESA workshop on preschool planning meeting was postponed. Carole to inform committee of any new developments in the future.

VIII. Set next meeting agenda.

- Recap meeting with Scotts Valley Mayor and follow-up with Scotts Valley Planning Commission Staff.
- Review current Priority Report with API scores included. Create plan and set timeline for completion of 2007 Priorities Report.
- Statewide policy/legislation update/discussion
- Update on Santa Cruz City General Plan.
- Review and revise draft advocacy platform
- Update on preschool planning

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 20, 3:00-4:30 PM, County Office of Education Ocean/Pacific Rm.