



The Santa Cruz County Child Care Planning Council
El Consejo de Planeación de Cuidado Infantil del Condado de Santa Cruz
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Preschool Planning Steering Committee Meeting

September 18, 2008

9:30 – 10:30 am

SCCOE 400 Encinal St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Members:

Michael Watkins, (SCCOE Superintendent of Schools), Bonnie Farrar-Dunbar, (Retired Teacher), Jean Gallager-Heil, (Cabrillo College), Angela Irvine, (Ceres Policy Research), Ellen Murtha, (CCPC Chair/ChildCare Ventures), Carole Mulford, (SCCOE/CDP Program Manager), Diane Oyler, (Child Care Planning Council Coordinator)

Guest: Larry Drury, (Go Kid's Inc.), Ellen Ortiz, (Child Care Consultant)

Absent Members: Susan True, (Executive Director, First 5 Santa Cruz County)

Minutes

- I. Welcome and Introductions:** Michael Watkins and Carole welcomed all to the meeting.
 - Members were introduced and absent members were identified.
 - Larry Drury and Ellen Ortiz, CCPC Co-Vice Chairs were introduced to committee.
 - Michael shared preschool task force telecast meeting that will be held this morning. Ten other counties are participating in the teleconference. Each county will share the progress they are making in developing a preschool plan. The agenda will cover state preschool legislation written by John Simitian and Darrel Steinberg.
 - Michael distributed Preschool Task Force agendas to committee members.

- II. Update on Working Committees**
 - Carole reviewed the role of today's committee is to plan for the Advisory Council meeting on Sept. 25th.
 - Carole shared the possible name "All for Preschool" instead of Preschool for All.
 - Carole will present county preschool planning from a historical perspective.
 - Carole shared information on the upcoming CPIN training will focus on Geometry-Manipulative in the ECE world for children on December 16th. Frances B. Whitney will facilitate the training.
 - Carole gave a brief update on preschool planning work group committees.

- Ellen M. gave an update on the Data and Prioritization, Finance and Facilities, Workforce and Quality Standards, Articulation and Transition from ECE to K-3.
- Diane shared goals and objectives from the Family and Diverse Delivery Systems work group.
- Members agreed that there was a break down in the communication process.
- Nicole Young, preschool consultant, will develop and present a comprehensive communication format for the Advisory Council meeting.
- Larry suggested comparing the Preschool Plan to a business plan model.

III. Approval for Preschool Advisory Agenda

- Members reviewed the agenda.
 - Carole M. will share the preschool planning project organization and governance.
 - Diane will introduce the timeline and report of the governance of the plan.
 - Angela mentioned that we can develop a plan unlike everyone else's. Her goal is to collect preschool data that is unique that will assist SCCOE in writing future grants.
 - Larry suggested we collect data that is collectively agreed upon by those involved in the Plan.
 - Ellen suggested that we give participants more time for input.
 - Ellen suggested the Advisory Council be invited to attend the work groups.
 - Larry suggested that initial findings from the work groups be shared.
 - Angela has collected raw data that will drive the geo map development.
 - Diane suggested including Davenport schools elementary school in data collection process.
 - How will the audience participate? By agreeing and giving input on data and goals that have been presented by work group chairs.
 - It was suggested to ask Nicole if she can engage them in developing meeting norms.
 - Diane suggested having cards for input from the Advisory Council and members.
 - Introductions of work group chairs and input process will be covered by advisory facilitator.
 - It was suggested that chair contact information be available at the advisory council meeting.
 - Diane will post work group goals and objectives on CCPC website.
 - Ellen suggested the updating the work group member list as well.
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IV. Update on Advisory Council Members
TBD

V. Next Steps
TBD

VI. Items for Next meeting agenda

VII. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 22, 2008, 9:30 – 10:30 am @ SCCOE
400 Encinal St. Santa Cruz, CA 95060.