



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

January 21, 2009

9:30 – 10:30 am

SCCOE 400 Encinal St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Members:

Members Present: 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); Susan True (Executive Director, First 5 Santa Cruz County); Michael Watkins (Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools)

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

Minutes

I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Carole welcomed all to the meeting.

II. **Update on Work Groups/Transparent Communication**

Workgroups Update:

- Wilma Gold agreed to chair the Family and Diverse Delivery Systems Work group vacated by Alma Martinez.
- **Family and Diverse Delivery Systems** is concentrating on developing effective outreach strategies to reach families.
- **Quality and Workforce** – brainstormed on high quality preschool with a focus on providers who have work experience and not formal degrees. Committee will request ideas from Advisory Council to assist with developing a draft that could include a proposal to grandfather in providers without degrees.
- **Finance and Facilities** – drafting financial documents and “hubs” of elementary schools, preschools and families in the neighborhood. Contacting family child care providers by neighborhoods continues to be a challenge.
- **Articulation and Transition from K-3** - Ann would like a list of FCC and CCC for Boulder Creek area to develop focus groups on preschool in this area to identify pitfalls, gather concerns from Kindergarten teachers and child care providers.
- **Data and Priorities** – Still collecting data for family and child care provider surveys. Center surveys are moving forward. Family Child Care survey is on Survey Monkey.

III. Planning the Advisory Council meeting for February 12th.

- Ellen reviewed the Advisory Councils invitation list.
- Members divided the invitation list and will personally contact colleagues to invite them to the Advisory Council meeting.
- Diane will send an invitation via email to Advisory Members with an agenda.
- The agenda was reviewed and it was agreed that engaging the Advisory Council was important and ways of gathering their input and direction was discussed.
- It was agreed to change the next Advisory Council meeting from April to May.
- Preschool Plan Timeline:
 - a) Plan time for Council members to process the recommendations
 - b) Completed survey data will be reported at March meeting.
 - b) Draft will be presented at May 19th meeting,
 - c) Copies of the plan will be sent to the Council, and Advisory Council members via email.
 - d) The Steering committee will approve the draft Plan in May for final approval at June Planning Council Retreat.

IV. Meeting Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 am.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 25, 2009, 9:30 – 10:30 am @ SCCOE 400 Encinal St. Santa Cruz, CA 95060.
