



The Santa Cruz County Child Care Planning Council
El Consejo de Planificación de Cuidado Infantil del Condado de Santa Cruz
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Subsidized Programs Consortium Minutes

November 5, 2008 9:00-11:00 AM

County Office of Education, Ocean/Pacific Room

Consortium Chair: Ellen Ortiz (Child Care Consultant and Chair)

Members in Attendance: Lisa Dilles, (Live Oak), Larry Drury (Go Kids), Elaine Henning (Voucher Project), Erika Ismerio, (YWCA), Terry Jiminez, (Head Start), Kathy Lathrop, (CalSAFE and PVUSD), Sita Moon, (Child Development Resource Center), Marilyn Moore, (Community Bridges), Teresa Parker-Poore, (Mountain State Preschool).

Facilitated by: Diane Oyler, Child Care Planning Council Coordinator

I. Welcome and Introductions. Additions to Agenda

All committee members introduced themselves.

Additions to the Agenda: Kathy Lathrop, suggested talking about state Ombudsman contact information.

II. CEL Update

Ellen, shared that she needs update information from centers for the CEL web portal update. There have been changes to Kinderwait. Updated version included revising to reflect new requirement regarding age and a need to determine which school year you are enrolling for (State preschool and Pre-K literacy programs only). There is also a change in language from “**enrolled waiting**” to “**continuity of care.**” The user’s guide has changed significantly to reflect these and other changes. At 114 pages, seems best to mail out hard copies. There are also changes to the Administration Guide. Those present indicated by list how many of each type of document they need. Others not present will be contacted by email to determine their need for copies.

III. AB212 Program Update

Diane, requested input from committee members to assist in developing training for this year’s project.

Committee members agreed that Saturday’s were the best days to offer trainings.

An opportunity to practice what has been discussed was requested as best practice in supporting professional development.

Suggested professional development topics:

- Pre-K Learning Foundations linking to DRDP – “Putting It All Together”
- Preschool English Language Learners and identification of language difficulties in ELL students
- More hands on practice with the DRDP. How to manage, implement and develop curriculum using the DRDP.

- Identifying children with special needs research SPIN trainers.
- Mathematics Learning Foundations

IV. CDD Update: 2008-2009 Budget

Diane shared AB2759 technical assistance training on December 4, from 9:00 – 12:00 pm at SCCOE.

Larry announced the results of the re-bid of Cope Center subsidized preschool slots.

Three agencies received reallocation funds and preschool slots:

- Go Kids
- PVUSD
- Community Bridges

All agencies commended each other, and the committee for their ability to work collaboratively to ensure that the subsidized slots stayed in our county.

Kathy, asked if you have to report the rebid changes in your contract applications?

Larry mentioned there will appointments to the SB1629 committee.

Committee members agreed that the Early Learning Quality Improvement Services statewide committee should include a representative from our area.

Kathy, mentioned that the quality improvement work needs to be aligned with SB1629 should align with Preschool Planning efforts locally and statewide.

V. Prevention and Early Intervention (PIE) Discussion

Diane presented a fact finding request from Susan True, First 5

Santa Cruz Executive Director, regarding Prevention and Early Intervention strategic planning goals and objectives. The request for implementation strategies from preschool executives to weigh in on whether there:

- Is there a need in the child care community for a mental health consultant to perform mental health screenings and consultations?
- What are your thoughts on accessing mental health services?

Kathy shared that PVUSD at onetime offered mental health services. The process was as follows:

- You could call a mental health specialist to observe the child in the program dynamics, and work would with staff to develop a behavioral plan, which was supported by resources and referrals to community agencies.
- Case work management
- Home visits
- Supporting and working with child care staff

Larry suggested developing a multi-disciplinary mental health team to:

- visit programs upon requests,
- conduct observations and collect information,
- share community resources.
- In addition he would like to see a pool of mental health consultants available should you need extended support, the cost would be incurred by child care programs.
- He would like to know the different components available to leverage funds to get more services. It would be good to brainstorm further.

VI. Public Policy Update and Information Exchange

Taskforce proposal: New CDE Director's Handbook

- Committee members agreed the development of ongoing technical support was needed for CDE directors.
- Committee members suggested using email list srv, where questions could be sent and answered by veteran directors.
- Diane will ask Rose Moonwater, COE web manager, if LPC/SSCOE can create a BLOG for CDD program directors to share information.

VII. Information Exchange:

Committee members fielded questions regarding program expansion, finance, waiting lists, new analysts, state regulations regarding program guidelines and board of directors and CEL participation and management.

VIII. Program Updates:

Committee members shared current enrollment and waiting list information with the group.

IX. Agenda Building for Next Meeting

- Enrollment issues
- 08-09 budget update

X. Announcements

Sita announced the Director Mentor training.

Larry announced that will host a parking lot sale in Gilroy, CA. There will be some equipment and other items. This is a staff fundraiser.

XII. Set Future SPC meeting dates and time

SPC committee set the meeting dates for 2009, January 7th, March 4th and May 6th
The time is set at 9:00 – 11:00 am at SCCOE.

XIII. Adjournment