



**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**  
**March 4, 2009, 9:00-11:00 AM**  
**County Office of Education, Ocean/Pacific Room**

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

**Members in Attendance:** Tricia Pastor-Cross, (Live Oak), Larry Drury (GoKids), Barbara Griffin, (CKC), Erika Ismerio, (YWCA), Terry Jiminez, (Head Start), Lisa Holbert Hindmen, (Community Bridges Kathy Lathrop, (CalSAFE and PVUSD), Cathy Lusk, (WAWC) , Sita Moon, (Child Development Resource Center), Teresa Parker-Poore, (Mountain State Preschool), Jerri Winner (Head Start).

**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:

**II. CEL Update**

- Ellen O. shared that she needs update information from centers  
KinderWait changes were shared
- Major changes will be the elimination of SSI numbers
- Cell update with eligibility information is being collected by Ellen
- Kathy requested a paper version of the application.

**III. AB212 Program Update**

- Diane shared that 09-10 program development documents were received today.
- Santa Cruz received full funding

**Kathy suggested two things:**

- 1) Training a performance doesn't have an impact
- 2) Maybe worth a directors conversation
- 3) Staff need the video and guidelines book that was published a couple of years ago
- 4) Areas that have strong English Language Learners study group to bring in teacher leadership to discuss.
- 5) Teacher leaders study group

**IV. CDD Update: CDE/CDD Program Survey**

- Ellen shared the latest five Management Bulletins sent to contractors yesterday. 09-03 – 09-04 – 09-0
- Tricia, said that the analysis said that you couldn't recertify beyond 30 days.

- Lisa mentioned that recertification is beyond 120 days – for state preschool.
- Tricia would like us to follow up on enrollment and recertification days – is it 30 or 120 days beyond?
- Kathy would like to verify preschool verification? 120 days? The number impossible; we need to push back on this notion.

#### Contractor Survey

- The due date is March 6<sup>th</sup>
- Ellen called Denise Lobato with questions
- Confirm who would complete this survey is only for those agencies who have licensed slots.
- No summary is required? NO
- Funding for dollars that are not being used, dealing with money that was taken away and putting it back, by using the Stimulus funding.
- First priority is to use sitting money and put it back into circulation.
- Any Stimulus funding will be used to back fill what was lost- in terms of slots funding lost.
- This is for current contractors first

### **V. Public Policy Update and Information Exchange**

#### CDD Budget Update

- This survey is to address the focus of the Stimulus Package potential at the national and state level.
- The secondary piece is that is part of the Stimulus package.
- Where do agencies see the need and what is there ability to serve the need?
- Lisa mentioned that currently loosing local funding and needing quality improvement funding.
- Tricia asked the understanding to Title V.
- Community bridges wanted expand to include part day and full day preschool infant/toddler migrant all day.
- Walnut Ave double their contract based upon the new building being built.
- Doesn't now how to answer the survey?
- CKC 25 kids school age.
- Live Oak school age – 30 slots.
- PVUSD – 2 classes state pre migrant seasonal – changing to mobile migrant families, infant toddler.
- Go Kids state migrant , school age program.
- YWCA school age and part day preschool.
- Redwood they are facility bound center is full.
- Lisa asked what the sense of the CELL is it full of families needing care.
- Ellen will meet with Lisa for further discussion.

### **VI. Discussion: Cabrillo College and Head Start Funding Presentation and Input Head Start:**

- Cynthia Wells presented the funding situation for 2.1 billion to spend on Head Start it's been eight years with no expansion.
- Cynthia recognized the need to collaborate with community members.

- She felt that there are many resources and would like to change this environment.
- There are six programs in the Child Development Programs under the Community Counseling Center; it is a program under this component. Integration of services is important.
- Head Start do child care they want to collaborate they would like to contract with businesses instead of doing child care themselves.
- There are strings attached, performance standards that need to be met to receive H.S. funding. They can invest resources to assist in meeting these standards. She feels that this funding would be better served by contracting instead of doing more homes. Interested in contracting with family child care providers. Is interested in increasing the capacity of slots in San Lorenzo Valley.
- Her hope is to get a sense of where the Head Start slots could be best served? They don't want to take over the child care community, 2% needs to be spent on training. Infant/Toddler training from Florida.
- Cynthia intends on bringing as much money as she possibly can. She is primed and ready.
- Quality Improvement dollars innovation, toy libraries, computers what are the needs of the community? They are willing to collaborate to meet the needs of the community.
- Doesn't know about how many slots could be infant/toddler, either way she will go with the need and the direction of the funding.
- Willing to share facilities, combine full day and part day child care.
- H.S. gave Second Step curriculum for the classroom on how to identify emotions and impulse control. Challenging Behaviors can look it up from Shasta, can find it on line.

### **Cabrillo College**

- Jean mentioned that Cabrillo may receive an additional cut to close the other Baskin classroom. This means that two more classroom teachers 4 student teachers, 4 teachers aid slots. Impact is student.
- Will maintain infant room and one year old room PITC rooms. Create infant room, and ones and twos classes.
- Impact on stage two dollars? Impact on CDD contract? At this point don't know.
- Reduction of one classroom with 16 children – full day.
- Using CDD in large lab for preschool two part day programs.
- Work with H. S. to offer a summer school.
- At this point a lot of I don't know.
- Baskin building would be empty out.
- Early Head Start and Head Start may fill the Baskin center negotiations are still continuing.
- The recommendations will go forward to trustees.
- There would be a bid and request for proposals and alignment with Cabrillo philosophy.
- They are moving rapidly the Board will accept recommendations very soon.
- Shelia likes the idea of shared space with H.S.

- The priority is to assist the student parents and separating the demonstration site for ECE Cabrillo.
- Cabrillo is learning to separate the two programs out.
- Shelia mentioned that the news they got today was good news.
- Child care was considered auxiliary services and they are cutting the equivalent 28 instructor's services.
- Redefined the amount they are committed to be a positive point by the board.
- Jean clarified that Cabrillo doesn't serve high end students; they are low income, different kind of poverty.

### **Responses from the SPC Members**

- Mental health issues, hire a mental health person to provide services to their families using a specific pot of funding. If the community could invest in this idea.
- Jean mentioned that Cabrillo is talking to head start.
- Tricia asked if the classrooms we full? What is the issue, the workforce?
- Shelia said that the workforce budget was cut impacted the ECE budget, they priced themselves out of the market.
- Kathy mentioned that there is potential for Cabrillo and H. S to collaborate to offer a wide variety of situations to ready the students for the real life child care community. This is an opportunity.
- Cynthia mentioned that the vision is to keep the philosophies are similar and are committed to keeping the quality care. Likes the college connection. The partnership is endless.
- Shelia said that Cabrillo always wanted to invite students to Cabrillo.
- 47 % of students were Latino women it's a wonderful to open the door to the educational community.
- Carole is concerned about expanding our workforce can we make this an opportunity to expand the workforce.
- H.S. poverty level 130% family of four earning \$20,000 per year.
- 10% can be over income – set aside for children with mental health issues.
- Eligibility is based upon income.
- Kathy asked welcomed H. S. leadership for moving forward collaboration, services, literacy issues, a lot of potential, PVUSD kinder transition, Kathy is interested in Early Head Start to support Cal SAFE, home based care with the depth of human services. CalSAFE facing a 5% cut this year and 15% cut next year.
- Tricia doesn't want to recreate the great things that are happening, but support them such as SEEDS that maybe losing their funding. Staff development is huge.
- Shelia asked about the timeline of the Stimulus Package.
- Cathy is interested in a curriculum lending library would benefit the community with a focus on infant/toddler.
- Parent education is needed – Positive Parenting could occur through different hubs, Cynthia likes this idea.
- Cynthia suggested getting agency together to discuss this topic further.
- Jean mentioned that Cabrillo will offer this summer ECE 144 focusing on positive discipline.

- Teresa Parker - Poore, suggested putting funds into social emotional for older kids who self cutting, desensitized.
- Tricia asked if they would like letters for the Board. The impact of Cabrillo on the lives of past and present students. May need to ask members to call our local Board members. Jean will send a fact sheet.
- Diane will share the fact sheet with SPC members.

**Final Thoughts:**

- Kathy asked if all programs are in duress. All members raised their hands.
- The climate of operations is stretched and we need to be created with the on set of budget cuts.

**VII. Announcements**

NA

**VIII. Set Future SPC meeting dates and time**

SPC committee set the meeting May 6<sup>th</sup> at SCCOE. .

**IX. Adjournment**