



**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**  
**August 6, 2008 9:00-11:00 AM**  
**County Office of Education, Tech Center**

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

**Members in Attendance:** : Larry Drury (GoKids), Elaine Henning (Voucher Project), Erika Ismerio (YWCA), Kathy Lathrop (CalSAFE and PVUSD), Sita Moon, (Child Development Resource Center), Marilyn Moore (Community Bridges), Lisa Dilles (Live Oak), Tricia Pastor-Cross (Live Oak).

**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:

- RFA due later this month for 99 CCENTER/CPRE slots available.
- CEL changes and new eligibility and needs regulations - informing staff.

**II. CEL Update**

- Control Tech (the company that provides our KinderWait CEL system) has been keeping up with new data elements required by the State and in developing revisions in the data base to reflect new regulations.
- Kinderwait system has already had four basic changes and now.
  - Requires indication of (checkbox marker for) partially enrolled, children in CPRE and CPKP for families who have a desire and need for full day care. CPRE, CPKP contracts only.  
Related discussion - Kathy L. asked the State to use contracts to offer wrap around care using family child care providers to offer this care. The state requires the use of Family Child Care Network. Therefore, PVUSD wasn't allowed to use the contract this way.
  - Has a State preschool-related designation for enrollment that reflects whether the enrollment is for "This year" (school year) or next year school year so that the list generated takes into account the age priorities
  - Has clarified sibling priority: gives priority within the same contract type. They don't have priority across programs. Siblings of children enrolled in CPRE or CPKP don't have priority for CCENTER or Alternative Payment programs. There is different eligibility.
  - Continuity of Care is a new designation that was formerly called Enrolled/Waiting. It relates to the transfer of care across programs or agencies. The designation is only valid for a maximum of 30 days (after the discontinuance NOA is issued but before it takes effect).

**Kathy**, mentioned that a cross agency protocol should be developed.

When enrolling children there are different ways to enroll: solely off the CEL and one on one enrollment as well. Some programs will also place the families

on the CEL and then enroll them. There are various ways that programs are enrolling in various ways. It's not clear and therefore a training will be offered in the future.

**Tricia**, when families come into program offices and are interested in preschool, they get the CEL application, data is entered into the CEL, then they are pulled from the CEL, you then have to pull and wait before enrolling the children. She mentioned this was Live Oaks experienced that she learned from the state. This is what the state requires from programs.

**Elaine**, suggested that you put them on the CEL first before enrolling them. The process of documentation was shared with the committee.

**Lisa**, mentioned that there has to be an accepting of applications for enrollment. It's more paperwork to give the state that states they require.

**Erica**, how long will a family stay in the system – Elaine – 12 months, She recommended that programs call families.

Committee members were concerned that it takes a lot of time to make follow up calls to families.

**Elaine**, mentioned that Voucher Project can assist in running the appropriate lists for program enrollment and also is available to help if partners are having difficulty changing the status on the CEL of children they have enrolled.

**Kathy**, asked when there was a change and how was it communicated? Title 5 has a lot of new information on the CEL for programs this is the law according to CDE consultant. The answer we continue to get regarding enrollment is that a child can be enrolled without being placed on the CEL first so long as the provider can document that the child would have been in the same rank from which they were currently enrolling from a CEL listing. So a problem could be that partners are not sure how to document the propriety of their off-the-street enrollments.

Why doesn't the state buy all agencies the data system so that all programs will enter data the same way?

We don't have staffing to do on going enrollment with follow up calls.

We need connections with CCDA or others run the CEL, we need training on this for simultaneous enrollment maybe a solution as used by some agencies.

**Action Item:** Ellen will send out an email to coordinate future training dates. CDD is offering training on August on Thursday 21, 2008, will be in PVUSD in the Board room on eligibility. (Since training on new eligibility and need requirements is anticipated by State, we should wait for discussion of CEL changes until after that is done).

### **III. AB212 Program Update**

**Diane**, shared the cuts in budget and mentioned that a brainstorming session is forthcoming in September to begin planning.

**Erika**, mentioned that there was the Spanish translation from West Ed. training for teachers.

#### **IV. CDD Update: 2008-2009 Budget**

- A 1% sales tax has been proposed by the Governor.  
**Larry**, mentioned that First 5 in other counties are offering low interest gap loans to CDD programs using their reserve funds.  
**Diane**, contacted Susan True to begin a dialog on the possibility of gap loans for CDD providers.  
**Kathy**, mentioned CDE may cap CAL Safe funds this year.  
**Lisa**, mentioned that there maybe a ballot issue for afterschool programs.  
**Tricia**, received a program reduction at the state level for her Preschool contracts.

#### **V. CDD Funding and New RFA**

- Two programs will in apply in response to the new RFA to acquire available slots.
- CCENTER: Kathy, Tricia, and Marilyn, Larry, conversation around how many slots.  
**Kathy**: Will apply for CalSAFE programs – 20 slots to serve gap teens after graduation from high school. Patch a little general child care during off season times of the year.  
**Tricia**: Asked for 15-20 more slots for afterschool.  
**Marilyn**: Has 48 maximum, but may have high priority due to having the Fairgrounds center.  
**Larry**: Will request no more than 50 slots Afterschool care need a facility to locate a spot. We are willing to serve in family child care homes until we find a facility.  
**Larry**, was told that anyone applying for these slots need to have an existing center in the Watsonville area. Priority will be given to agencies which have an existing center.
- State Preschool Discussion and Status:  
**Larry**, needs a small room for 20 afterschool children.  
**Kathy**, is interested in facility and classroom and placements for all except for Pajaro, they are moving forward with building facility and slots are on hold until the building is completed. There is capacity at Bradley if there is enough enrollment. Will consider applying for 20 – 50 slots, for Mar Vista and another site.  
**Head Start**: Diane will call and find out if they are applying for slots.  
**CIMG**: Larry was asked by the state, if they were interested in taking a leadership role in Migrant child care. They were asked to do Santa Cruz County they have Monterey Co. contracts. General Center and State Migrant are the two contracts that are compatible and can be combined to offer full day care.

#### **VI. Discussion: Program Updates**

**Marilyn**, shared that all the Fairgrounds families were enrolled in four days.  
**Tricia and Lisa**, shared that they have a new office space which will allow for speedy enrollments.  
Voucher Project enrolled 55 of the children from YWCA sites that were closed, as well as children who were not able to continue at the Fairgrounds.  
**Erica**, YWCA has a new Executive Director, Marcia Stein.

**VII. Agenda Building for Next Meeting and New Location - SCCOE**

**Next meeting:**

- Discussion on family child care network
- Kathy, contracted with “*Child Care Results*” – send DRDP data and they send charts and results to you.
- Diane, will send the link to SPC committee members via email.
- Budget
- Eligibility and Need

**VIII. Announcements**

**Sita**, shared that CDRC, will send update form to Kathy at PVUSD.

**Larry**, will be offering training on automated projection forms and earning the full contract for programs in September sometime.

**IX. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11 AM. Next regular meeting: November 5, 2008 9-11 AM @ SCCOE.