

**Child Care Partnership Council**  
**Monday, January 22, 2018 Meeting Minutes**  
San Mateo County Office of Education

Co-chairs: Superintendent Anne Campbell and Supervisor Dave Pine  
Members: Karen Alden, Josh Becker, Michelle Blakely, Julie Cates, Heather Cleary, David Fleishman, Elizabeth Foster, Karen Haas-Foletta, Heather Hopkins, Sarah Kinahan, Pauahi McGinn, Cheryl Oku, Melinda Ramzel, Harvey Schloss, Anne Señores  
Guests: Kristina Brower, Angela Cabrera, Mary Carbullido, Sheryl Chan, Dayna Chung, Pam Cohn, Joy Duenas, Jean-Marie Houston, Jessica Mihaly, Katie Perales, Peggy Pizzo, Anna Powell, Lisa Shanaan, Cheryl Shrewsbury, Lorna Strachan, Randy Torrijos, Donna Yuriar  
Staff: Nirmala Dillman and Kristen Anderson

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Supervisor Pine called the meeting to order at 10:30. Attendees introduced themselves. Then, new members were asked to share a bit about themselves. Josh Becker is CEO of Lex Machina that's bringing tech to the legal field. Heather Cleary is Executive Director of Peninsula Family Service. Nirmala Dillman explained that Elizabeth Scully, a family child care home provider, is not able to attend since her new assistant is not yet cleared to be left with the children.

**Agenda Review and Approval of Minutes**

Kristen Anderson asked for corrections to a few dates on the agenda and minutes. Minutes were approved.

***M (M. Blakely) /S (H. Schloss) /C (Unanimous)***

**Coordinator's Report**

- Nirmala Dillman reported that the new Needs Assessment and the Teacher Compensation study are posted on the CCPC website. (Shortcut to CCPC page: [www.smcoe.org/ccpc](http://www.smcoe.org/ccpc))
- There will be a new QRIS Committee convened to be advisory to our county's Quality Counts program. The group will meet the evening of February 28, 6:30-8:00. Nirmala will invite all who have been involved with the QRIS, and those who have received ratings. She's looking for a core group to consider the trade-offs and provide input on changes proposed at the state level.
- Nirmala announced that an ad hoc committee is needed to help plan for a new Strategic Plan since our current one is through 2018. Volunteers are: Sarah Kinahan, Julie Cates, Lorna Strachan, Michelle Blakely, Harvey Schloss, Angela Cabrera, Cheryl Oku, Lisa Shanaan.
- Sarah asked if there's a plan for disseminating the Needs Assessment or Compensation study. Nirmala replied that press releases and social media posts can be done, and Superintendent Campbell offered the assistance of the COE PR person. Nirmala said that, in the past, a presentation was made to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Pine stated that a presentation to the Board would be good.
- Governor's proposed budget— good but not great for ECE. 5% increase in the SRR, and increased State Preschool funding. It proposes a one-time set aside for facility and program needs to support inclusion of children with special needs, especially infants and toddlers.
- Julie Cates shared that SVCAN (bi-county advocacy group) is preparing a letter regarding the budget proposal for agencies to sign onto.

**Public Comment/Announcements**

None

**2015-18 CCPC Strategic Plan: Committee Progress Reports**

- **Inclusion+**
  - The committee made a site visit this morning to the county's Tower Road facility, a great model of joint facilities and programs. Mary Browning oversees the site.
  - Kristin Divine from San Francisco's preschool special education program spoke to the group.

- Information on the May 5 Early Intervention and Inclusion Conference at Skyline College is posted on the COE website, and registration is available using Eventbrite.  
<http://www.smcoe.org/about-smcoe/happenings/2018/05/annual-early-intervention-conference.html>

- **Facilities**

- Sarah reported that a new Build Up Advisory Committee kicked off on 1/19. Supervisor Pine and Kitty Lopez are its co-chairs. Honorary Chair, Assemblymember Kevin Mullin, prerecorded a great video welcome. Sup. Pine commented that it was very well organized. A missing group was large employers, and we will try to engage them more.
- Sarah is preparing a survey to identify advocates who are willing to attend meetings, like city councils, school boards, etc., when an important child care topic is being considered. Please consider joining the list to possibly attend in the city or district where you live.
- Sup Pine shared that funding for Build Up initiative has been secured from the County, First 5, Heising-Simons Foundation, and San Bruno Foundation for various activities.
- Sarah explained the forthcoming RFA from SVCF for grants to expand centers, with a priority for infant-toddlers. Funds come from a private donor.

- **Policy/Advocacy/Communication/Outreach (PACO)**

- David Fleishman presented a second draft of proposed Legislative and Budget Priorities for review and approval. Nirmala spoke about the one proposed priority suggesting use of unearned EESD subsidy contract dollars to support access, quality and facilities. Though our SMC Subsidy Program was created to address this problem, many programs are underearning now due to income-eligible families leaving the county since they can't afford to live here. Also, there's still a preponderance of part-day programs that are not a match for our working families. Further discussion would be needed to identify what could be done with unearned funds, at the state vs county level. After some discussion and Q/A, it was agreed that these are consistent with our adopted Policy Platform. The document was approved.

***M (H. Cleary) /S (H. Schloss) /C (Unanimous)***

- **Workforce**

- Wage & Benefits survey – Heather Cleary reported on the committee's new goals based on the findings of the compensation survey:
  - 1) Fund higher wages for teachers, pursuing both state solutions and a local pilot effort.
  - 2) Create pathways for new people to enter the field
  - 3) Market the profession, e.g. with nannies.
 Donna Yuriar added that COE staff will work on a one-pager to use for advocacy. Michelle Blakely offered a connection with someone who worked with nannies. A recent NY Times article was mentioned that highlighted the low wages of this sector.

**Announcements**

- Jean-Marie Houston announced that the Learning Policy Institute will release its new report of recommendations for improving the CA child care system, tomorrow in Sacramento. LPI interviewed several SMC folks as one of 10 counties.
- Kristen Anderson shared that the annual report for 2016-17, on CDE's Facilities Revolving Loan fund, was just posted. The department received no applications for the funds during the year.

Supervisor Pine adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

The next CCPC meeting will be on Monday, March 26, 10:30-12:00 with committee meetings preceding from 9:00-10:15 pm.