

Child Care Partnership Council
Monday, March 26, 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, Cheryl Oku, Sarah Poulain, Melinda Day, Harvey Schloss
Guests: Angel Barrios, Kristina Brower, Kimberly Brown, Mary Browning, Andrea Burnett, Angela Cabrera, Sheryl Chan, Dayna Chung, Cynthia Fong-Wan, Diana Harlick, Sharon Howell, Danielle Johnson, Amy Kaiser, Sheila Krotz, Jessica Mihaly, Elaine Neu, Peggy Pizzo, Yukari Schneider, Cheryl Shrewsbury, Grace Sobieski, Lorna Strachan, Alyson Suzuki, Randy Torrijos, Gary Waddell, Donna Yuriar
Staff: Nirmala Dillman and Kristen Anderson

Call to Order and Introductions

Superintendent Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:30. Attendees introduced themselves.

Agenda Review and Approval of Minutes

Superintendent Campbell stated that a minor change to the agenda will be to move the Inclusion Committee's speaker on CIBC earlier. On the Jan. 22 minutes, there may be names missing from either the volunteers for the Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Advisory or for attendees. She asked for a motion to approve the minutes including any corrections that may be submitted.

Minutes were approved with possible corrections.

M (H. Schloss) /S (D. Fleishman) /C (Unanimous)

Public Comment/Announcements

- Julie Cates shared information about "Our Schools and Community First", a potential state ballot initiative on Commercial Tax reform that would change Proposition 13. Signature gathering is underway to place the measure on the November 2018 ballot. Signatures must be obtained by April 24. Contact Julie at Julie.cates@gmail.com if you can help.
- David Fleishman announced that Build Up has secured funding for a Program Manager position from the Jacques Littlefield Foundation. Funding is for one year, with a second year contingent on a match. This, and the Technical Assistance position funded by the Heising-Simons Foundation will be housed at 4Cs. Current staff include part-time consultants Sarah Kinahan and Heather Hopkins.
- David announced a Candidates Forum for County Superintendent of Schools that will be hosted by 4Cs and Gatepath at the Sobrato Center for Nonprofits on Saturday, April 21, 10:00-11:30.
- Heather Cleary reported that she's working with a San Francisco advocacy group, CA Coalition for Equity in Early Care and Education. They're lobbying for increased reimbursement rates, an increase in the reimbursement factor for subsidized infant and toddler centers; and changing the Facilities Revolving Loan Fund to a grant program.
- Donna Yuriar shared the flyer about the online training modules that are now available on CDE's California Early Childhood Online (CECO) website.

Presentation on CIBC Program

Cheryl Oku introduced Amy Kaiser from the California Inclusion and Behavioral Consultation (CIBC) Network at WestEd. (www.cibc-ca.org, akaiser@wested.org) Amy described the consultant services available to all state-funded centers and family child care homes, and those participating in a local Quality Counts (QRIS) system.

Coordinator's Report

- Nirmala Dillman reported on the new QRIS Committee that met on February 28 and will be advisory to our county's Quality Counts program. The group included some of the original programs to enter QRIS (including three voting CCPC members, Liz Scully, Lisa Zimiga and Pauahi McGinn) and others just joining. The committee looked at changes to the rating system the state will be making,

to consider local implications. Other changes we are proposing for our local system at Tier 2 and 5, as allowed by the state, include items related to Dual Language Learners, Family Engagement and Special Needs. The committee will meet in alternate months to CCPC and anyone is welcome to participate.

- AB1326— State contractors in SMC met to discuss under-earning of contracts, occurring for good reasons. Funds that contractors might relinquish to the subsidy program could be used to increase reimbursement rates which would help programs.
- The past two years, AB212 funding has been augmented with local First 5 and QRIS Block Grant funds so that all QRIS participating teachers and family child care providers can receive a stipends for pursuing additional training or course work. A new AB212 plan for use of funds is due by 6/30. Nirmala will engage the Workforce Committee and bring a plan for approval at the May meeting. Allowing staff to receive stipends for online CECO trainings is an example of a possible change.
- Ravenswood School District's Child Development Center—Nirmala asked Supt. Campbell to report this item. Due to a loss of 1/3 of students in 6 years, the district needed to severely cut its budget. The CDC was encroaching \$300K on General Fund budget so the district decided to close the program in June. Only another LEA can take over the contract since the funds are in Prop 98. The COE will take over administration and subcontract to one or more operators (as with its current State Preschool Program). 180 children are currently served but the facility is licensed for 280. Since there will be a service gap between closure and new providers opening, 4Cs is helping to find summer care options.

Input for Strategic Plan 2018-2021 Ad Hoc Committee

Kristen Anderson reminded the group that we are beginning the process to create a new Strategic Plan, as required by the State. The agenda message for this meeting listed some of the information that will be used as a basis for the new SP, including the new Needs Assessment, Facilities and Workforce study findings. At the January meeting, several members and guests volunteered to serve on an Ad Hoc committee. To inform that group's discussion, forms were provided with questions: *"What would allow the CCPC to have a bigger impact in San Mateo County?"* and *"What are the CCPC's strengths and weaknesses?"*

Participants were asked to work in pairs/small groups to answer questions and record responses. Then Supt. Campbell asked one person at each table to share one of their responses. The forms were collected and all responses will be compiled for use by the Ad Hoc. Anyone who would like to join the group named in the prior minutes is welcome to let us know.

2015-18 CCPC Strategic Plan: Committee Progress Reports

- **Inclusion+**
 - Angela Cabrera reported that the committee discussed implementation of AB 752, the bill passed in 2017 that regulates the process and conditions related to expulsion of a child from State Preschool programs.
 - 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**
 - RFPs for church spaces-- Sarah Kinahan reported two RFPs are out for a church-based child care facility in Redwood City and a small vacant space in a San Mateo church.
 - Developments—we're tracking two large development proposals and advocating inclusion of child care space: Concar Passage in San Mateo (92/101) and Willow Village, Facebook's proposed large project in east Menlo Park.
 - Sarah reminded attendees about the online survey, still open, 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.

- Supervisor Pine reported on the excellent Federal Reserve/SVCF event on the facilities crisis. He mentioned the Redwood City presentation of a Councilmember Masur and Peter Tsai from Sobrato, developer that proposing to include a 10,000 sf child care center in its office, retail and residential project. Supervisor Pine shared that, when he met with Facebook about their Willow Village proposal, he asked where the child care was; they responded that Supervisor Carole Groom had asked the same question! (*Applause.*)
- Kristen Anderson announced an April 24 workshop/training on “improving your child care facility spaces” with Kathy Tama, author of the Facilities Quality Checklist and Guide. The flyer with registration information will be sent out in the next two days.
- **Policy/Advocacy/Communication/Outreach (PACO)**
 - Legislation - David Fleishman reported that the committee chose six legislative bills they plan to follow:
 - AB 2292 (Aguiar-Curry) Increasing infant/toddler factor for reimbursement
 - AB 2698 (Rubio) adjustment factors for mental health services to avoid expulsion
 - AB605 (Mullin) integrated license
 - AB 11 (McCarty & Bonta)—early developmental screening
 - AB 1754 Preschool for All
 - AB 2326 (Rubio) CalWORKS welfare to work exemption
 - Budget – Several child care and related organizations are taking positions on child care funding in the proposed state budget. The committee identified groups they want to align with.
 - Julie Cates shared the letter sent to the Governor from SVCAN (Silicon Valley Children’s Advocacy Network) with multiple logos of participating organizations. Many from our county participate in SVCAN with Santa Clara County organizations (hosted by SVCF).
- **Workforce**
 - Wage & Benefits survey –Donna Yuriar shared the draft handout on the results of the teacher compensation study, created to use for advocacy.
 - Melinda Day reported on the efforts to bring a public BA program to our county, similar to the Pathway program at SFSU. They need to raise funds to initiate the program, and then have ongoing support to provide this resource for workforce here.

Announcements -- none

Superintendent Campbell adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

The next CCPC meeting will be on Monday, May 21, 10:30-12:00 with committee meetings preceding from 9:00-10:15 pm.