

Child Care Partnership Council
Monday, June 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes
San Mateo County Office of Education

Members: Karen Alden, Jennifer Bernard, Michelle Blakely, Julie Cates, Heather Cleary, David Fleishman, Heather Hopkins, Cheryl Oku, Elizabeth Scully, Anne Senores
Guests: Angela Cabrera, Jenifer Clark, Joy Duenas, Diana Harlick, Jean Marie Houston, Marcela Jibaja, Mel Kronick, Elaine New, Yukari Schneider, Chris Shreve, Lorna Strachan, Randy Torrijos, Donna Yurjar
Staff: Nirmala Dillman and Kristen Anderson

Call to Order and Introductions

Nirmala Dillman called the meeting to order at 10:35 in the absence of the Co-chairs, as permitted in the CCPC by-laws.

Agenda Review and Approval of Minutes

Nirmala asked for any changes to the agenda or May minutes; hearing none, she invited a motion to approve.

M (H. Cleary) /S (A. Senores) /C (Unanimous)

Public Comment/Announcements

- Jennifer Bernard announced that IHSD will be expanding services in Ravenswood School District starting the third week in August. With the closure of the District's Child Development Program, the County Office of Education worked to secure the facilities and contract with IHSD to provide the State Preschool Services.
- Jennifer made a request on behalf of their agency and the Facilities Committee to work with PACO on addressing the challenge of the recent new immunization requirements for volunteers/parents. This has had a negative impact on parent engagement in their programs. Maybe a survey of centers about how the requirements are affecting a broad group of programs would provide useful information.
- David Fleishman reported that the Manager position for Build Up has been reposted. Please refer qualified potential candidates.
- Jean-Marie Houston announced that the First 5 SMC meeting will be here at 4:00 pm today and several interesting items are on the agenda.
- Kristen Anderson announced CDE sent a 'save-the-date' message on Friday about expansion funding opportunities in the fall. New State Preschool funds will be released in September and Infant-Toddler funds (General Child Care) in November. We should be thinking about how to capture new funding. Nirmala added that this is when the Zip Code Priorities we submit annually are used by CDE—to prioritize applications.
- Nirmala shared that the ECE Workforce Registry is becoming a mandate for all state-funded programs. Staff in those programs must have accounts to track professional development and progress toward permits.
- Nirmala pointed out the Member Roster in the packet and reported that five members' terms will expire; a few were partial terms to fill vacancies. Co-chairs will look at renewal of terms and filling vacancies including Harvey Schloss' seat.

New Strategic Plan

Nirmala reminded the Council that Julie Cates and Heather Cleary will be co-chairing the Ad Hoc group. Facilitation will be provided by Cheryl Agrawal of SMCOE and Michelle Sioson-Hyman of SVCF. Heather reported that the small Ad Hoc group will meet on July 20, 1:30-3:30 and August 15, 12:30-2:30 to begin work and to plan for the September CCPC meeting that will focus on this. In addition to those who volunteered previously to serve on the SP Ad Hoc, anyone is welcome to join us. Julie added that we will create a 5-year plan, instead of 3-year, in order to coincide with the 5-year mandated Needs Assessment.

Coordinator's Report

- **SMC (AB1326) Subsidy Program** – Nirmala worked with all the state-funded contractors to make voluntary temporary transfers of funds, where some are not able to earn their contracts and others are overearning. \$385,000 was transferred, with many agencies giving up funds and three receiving. Agencies return to their contract amount for the next year. An additional \$745,000 was released but only \$100,000 was able to be transferred and used. The reasons for under-earning were legitimate. Demographic changes are making it harder to find eligible families to serve. New program directors, due to turnover, may have less experience in the details of how to manage earning their Child Development contract. We will look next year at 'right-sizing' contracts if community needs have changed.
- Nirmala explained the concerns in the community about the effects of the new **two-year eligibility for families**, granted to our county through the local subsidy Program. While two-year eligibility does help stabilize families and provide continuity of care for children, limited funding results in fewer families served.
- **New Alternative Payment funds** will be coming in 18-19 and are definitely much needed.
- **Quality Counts SMC** – The new CCPC Quality Counts Committee is the official Advisory body for Quality Counts SMC. Co-chairs are Lisa Zimiga and Soodie Ansari. The Committee will take up proposed changes to the statewide Quality Counts Matrix, which delineates the specifics of how early learning centers and family child care homes are rated according to 5 tiers of quality, with tier 1 being Licensing. Each County will be asked to vote for one of two Models for a new Matrix. The model with the most votes will become the new Matrix effective July 2020, not before. The two models will be posted today, with a webinar at the Quality Counts California and CDE website. The CCPC QC committee will meet to study two models in detail and give their feedback to the Quality Counts SMC leadership. Kitty Lopez, Executive Director of First 5 SMC and Co-Lead for Quality Counts SMC will cast our one vote on statewide ballot in late August. Nirmala reported that SMCOE will be taking a sample of San Mateo County participating sites and running them through the two models to understand how the sites would fare in each model to provide critical perspective to the Committee. Nirmala was one of two Bay Area representatives serving on the California QRIS Matrix Workgroup where potential changes were vetted and worked on, under the joint guidance of CDE and First 5 California. She believes that both versions will make
 - joining QRIS more attractive to private programs and family child care providers
 - place more weight on quality measures that are more linked to improved outcomes for children, and
 - make the rating process less costly, hopefully leaving more funds for quality improvement.
- Nirmala announced that this is **Jean-Marie Houston's last CCPC meeting**, noting that she was the first LPC coordinator! Jean-Marie made comments about the beginning of LPCs that resulted from, then Assembly member, Jackie Speier's legislation. She remembers drafting and getting approval of our by-laws that established our County Superintendent and a County Supervisor as Co-chairs.

2015-18 CCPC Strategic Plan: Committee Progress Reports

- **Inclusion+**
 - Cheryl Oku reported that Jenifer Clark from First 5 SMC used their committee meeting for a focus group on systems change needs. Jenifer will continue to work with the group to get input.
- **Policy/Advocacy/Communication/Outreach (PACO)**
 - Michelle Blakely reported that the state budget includes a good amount of new funds, including new infant/toddler and preschool slots, increase in the I/T factor for reimbursement rates, and funding for workforce, equipment and facilities related to expansion of services for children with special needs.
 - Michelle reported that some legislation is still in process: Mullin's AB2626 (allowing some features of the pilots to go statewide), 2698 (mental health consultation), AB605 (integrated license).
 - Michelle announced that there will be a **Bay Area ECE Legislative Forum on Friday, October 19** at Santa Clara County Office of Education, co-sponsored by the LPCs.

- **Facilities**

- Kristen Anderson reported that the SM County Child Care Ordinance draft is being revised by Planner Camille Leung. The Facilities Committee proposes to meet over the summer to review the next draft and bring a request for approval to the full Council at the September meeting.
- Kristen shared that Heather Stewart, in City of San Mateo Community Development, is preparing a report for a July 16 City Council Study Session on child care. It will be at 5:30. She encourages anyone interested to attend. The report will be available 72 hours in advance.
- Silicon Valley Community Foundation/CEL staff, Michelle Sioson-Hyman, sent news that grant announcements for expansion grants will be sent next week. They received almost \$800K of requests for the \$250K of donor funds.

- **Workforce**

- Donna Yuriar reported that the Commission for Teacher Credentialing has two surveys out for comments on proposed changes to the teacher permit matrix.
- They're looking at advocacy tools to use the Workforce Compensation study findings.
- Donna reported that our study caught the attention of Marcy Whitebook at the UCB Center for the Early Childhood Workforce. They are proposing use of the SEQUAL assessment of teachers' work environment, etc.

Announcements --

- Angela Cabrera announced that 4Cs will host meetings with staff of the regional office of Community Care Licensing: August 8, 6:30-8:30 pm for Family Child Care Homes and August 15, same time, for Child Care Centers. Watch for the email invitation to RSVP and provide any topics you would like discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

The next CCPC meeting will be on Monday, September 24, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Note: A short business meeting will be held from 9:00-9:30, and the remainder of the meeting will be allocated for work on the new Strategic Plan.