San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council
Access Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 6, 2023
Hybrid Meeting via Zoom

CCPC Members Present (in-person): Christine Padilla (chair), Karen Pace (late)
Members of the Public Present (in-person): Joy Irani
Members of the Public Present (Via Zoom): Kristen Anderson, Heather Hopkins, Mai Le, Liz Scully, Hayley Village (late)
Staff/Minutes: Sarah Kinahan, Ian Johnson

1. Call to Order
Christine Padilla called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Action to set the Agenda for February 6, 2023, and Approval of minutes for December 12, 2022.
Christine Padilla

MOTION: IRANI / SECOND: PADILLA
AYES: UNANIMOUS
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

3. Welcome & Check-in
Christine Padilla welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked people to please introduce themselves.

4. Review and Update Access Committee Workplan
Christine Padilla / Sarah Kinahan

Christine and Sarah led the group through a review, discussion, and update of the San Mateo County Child Care Planning Council Strategic Implementation Plan (2019-2024) - CCPC Strategic Goal: Access Work Plan. Priorities and advocacy efforts should be focused on deliverables achievable within the next eighteen months, reflecting findings of the San Mateo County 2022 Child Care Needs Assessment. The Access Committee recommended that we review our Equity Statement in our strategic plan during our March retreat, and apply more of an equity and anti-racist lens to our activities. Each committee will share their updated work plan at the March retreat.

Discussion of Strategic Priority 1: Advocate for increases in State and Federal funding and reimbursement rates for ECE programs in San Mateo County.
• The group supported keeping this priority with a focus on working with the Leadership and Impact Committee to track legislation and participating in collective action to raise reimbursement rates.

Discussion of Strategic Priority 2: Maximize San Mateo County’s use of state subsidy dollars to serve more eligible children
• The group discussed focusing activities on UPK Planning and sharing the CCPC Needs Assessment findings with the community. The group also wanted to acknowledge the work done during the pandemic to preserve child care, and wants to review the “It Takes a Village” document from the Child Care Response Team. The group will track sign-on opportunities that align with our Public Policy Platform (Build Up CA, Children Now, EveryChild CA, CA FCC Network, and support for facilities and new construction). It was suggested that we invite Build Up CA/LIFF to our May committee meeting to share what was learned through the recent CDSS facilities grant process. Lastly, the group discussed how well cities are complying with SB 234. CCPC and Build Up will follow up on tracking this.

Discussion of Strategic Priority 3: Maximize San Mateo County’s use of state subsidy dollars to serve more eligible children
• No significant changes are needed. This is ongoing work that the CCPC Coordinator regularly completes.
Discussion of Strategic Priority 4: Increase access to ECE for children with special needs

- Build Up will update their solutions brief on creating inclusive, accessible spaces.
- CCPC is monitoring the roll out of CDE’s new requirement that CSPP program reserve 10% of spaces for children with exceptional needs.

5. Update on Needs Assessment

Sarah shared about efforts to disseminate the Needs Assessment to the community. The CCPC Needs Assessment and County/City Profiles are now posted on our website (https://www.smcoe.org/about/child-care-partnership-council/needs-assessment.html). The San Mateo County Office of Education did a press release that went out to media, superintendents, and the community. We have received inquiries from The Almanac, The Redwood City Pulse, Univision, and Telemundo. Sarah has presented to Redwood City Together, the Chamber San Mateo County Education Committee, and will be presenting it to First 5 at the end of February.

On March 10, 2023, from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. we will be hosting a breakfast event, The Thriving Families Symposium: The Next Decade. This symposium is the start of an important conversation about community solutions for the child care shortage.

SMCOE’s Communications department will help with design on issue briefs. The first issue brief will be on family child care. Sarah will share a draft with the Access committee for feedback.

6. Discussion of New UPK Mixed-Delivery System Planning Grant

Sarah Kinahan gave a summary of the UPK Mixed Delivery Planning Grant to the group, highlighting the county’s allocations and the purpose of the grant.

The total statewide amount is for $18.3 million annually for three fiscal years starting in 2022–2023. SMCOE/CCPC will be allocated $368,705 in FY22-23 to be expended by June 30, 2026. Local Planning Councils are receiving these funds to do community-wide planning.

Next steps:
- LPCs must establish a workgroup, but luckily, CCPC current membership represents most of the required representatives. Outreach will need to happen to entities not currently represented on our Council (Charter Schools delivering TK, preschool educators, union representatives (Teacher’s Unions / Child Care Providers United), and tribal sovereign nations (if present in San Mateo County). The Access Committee recommended that the workgroup be an Ad Hoc committee of CCPC that can meet via zoom and in the evenings. They recommended that we provide stipends for educators who attend, and that we translate materials into other languages like Chinese, Spanish, and Farsi.
- Surveying the county for underutilized preschool capacity and program waitlists.
- Utilizing the data from the needs assessment to begin planning and creating deeper connections between school districts and community-based providers.
- Engage with families to encourage preschool enrollment and inform them of their preschool options. The Committee would like to review Santa Clara’s Steps to Success communications effort at their May meeting.

Deliverables:
- A preliminary plan must be submitted to the County Board of Education by June 30th.

7. Other Updates

- The full CCPC is having a retreat from 9am-12pm on March 20th at The Redwood City Women’s Club.
- Please come to the Thriving Families Symposium: The Next Decade on March 10, 2023, from 8–11am at Skyline College.
- Look for a UPK evening convening in April.

8. Adjournment

Christine Padilla adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.