

**San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council
Leadership and Impact Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and in-person at 101 Twin Dolphin Drive, Redwood City, CA, 94065

CCPC Members Present (in-person): Karen Alden, Michelle Blakely (chair), Christine Thorsteinson

Members of the Public Present (in-person): Diana Harlick, Marchelle Moten

Members of the Public Present (Via Zoom): Kristen Anderson, Randy Torrijos

Staff/Minutes: Sarah Kinahan

1. Call to Order

Michelle Blakely

Michelle Blakely called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

2. Approval of Leadership-Impact Committee Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2023, and Agenda for April 5, 2023

Michelle Blakely

MOTION: THORSTEINSON / SECOND: ALDEN

AYES: UNANIMOUS

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

3. Welcome & Check-in

Michelle Blakely

Michelle Blakely welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked people to please introduce themselves.

4. Review Proposed Legislation

Sarah Kinahan

Sarah led the group in a review of ten bills that have been introduced in the legislature. These bills primarily relate to rate reform and local planning council capacity building.

- AB 51 (Bonta), Early childcare and education. Recommended “watch” and get more information on how it will ensure developmentally appropriate programming.
- AB 555 (Carrillo), California state preschool programs. Recommended “watch.” Concern that it does not incentivize preschool programs to address chronic absenteeism.
- AB 596 (Reyes & Limon), Early learning and care: rate reform. Recommend “support.”
- AB 1106 (Soria), PK-3 early childhood specialist credential: grant program. Recommend “support.”
- AB 1113 (McCarty), ELOP. Recommend “support.”
- AB 1352 (Bonta), Childcare pilot expansion. Recommend “support.”
- SB 380 (Limon & Reyes), Early learning and care: rate reform. Recommend “support.”
- SB 608 (Becker), License plate program. Recommend “support.”
- SB 635 (Menijar), ASQ screening. Recommend “watch.” Concern about it being an unfunded mandate that will put a drain on staff time and cause programs to incur fees for using the ASQ.
- SB 722 (Ochoa Bogh), ELC Incidental Medical Services. Recommend “watch.” Would like to know what problem this bill aims to solve.

After reviewing the bills and updating the [legislative tracker](#), the group expressed a desire to hold a study session on contract earnings and develop a strategy to encourage programs to enroll to their full capacity and assure child attendance. The state’s “hold harmless” policy, while valuable to sustain programs through the pandemic, has not incentivized programs to fully enroll. Sarah will look for the Legislative Analyst’s Office’s analysis of “hold harmless.”

5. Debrief CCPC Retreat and Discuss Next Steps on Top Priorities

Sarah Kinahan

At its March retreat, the CCPC identified the following top priorities which the group discussed:

- 1) County ballot measure to fund gaps in early learning and child care
 - This will require developing a strategy with community leaders.
- 2) Advocacy and outreach to gain community support/awareness for a well-funded ECE system with universal access for all children, families and providers, provided by a well-compensated workforce
 - Look at Santa Clara County’s Build the Future campaign. Could this be carried over to San Mateo County? First 5 may be able to support.
 - Business organizations such as rotaries and chambers could be able to help. Make the case about lost productivity due to child care issues.
- 3) Increase the number of providers by X%
 - We need to work on the wording for this priority.
 - Priority is on developing infant-toddler staff.
 - New Career Pathways lead will be instrumental to this priority area.

The group asked that Sarah share the draft minutes with the Leadership and Impact Committee.

6. Discuss Emerging “Hot Topics”

Michelle Blakely

There was a request that we review information on the new CalKIDS college savings program at a future meeting.

9. Adjournment

Michelle Blakely

Michelle Blakely adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

*The next Leadership and Impact Committee meeting is
May 8, 2023*