Child Care Partnership Council Leadership and Impact Committee  
**Monday, April 14, 2020, Meeting Minutes**  
San Mateo County Office of Education

Zoom Meeting: (Meeting will be conducted via Teleconference Only)  
Website Link: https://zoom.us/j/354777469?pwd=QWNid0hSOEIsRVPuOWg4e2xZRkdFUT09  
Meeting ID: 354 777 469 Password: 101

Members: Josh Becker, Michelle Blakely, Julie Cates, Heather Cleary, David Fleishman, Heather Hopkins  
Guests: Dayna Chung, Christine Padilla, Diana Harlick, Pedro Conceicao  
Staff: Sarah Kinahan (CCPC Coordinator)

**Greeting and Introduction of Main Objectives**  
Michelle Blakely and Sarah Kinahan presented the meeting objectives and asked for attendees to introduce themselves to the group.

The objectives of this Leadership and Impact Meeting are as follows 1) Provide Updates concerning COVID-19 Response and Resources, 2) Introduce and discuss Legislative Action and Prioritization 3) Discuss the next steps concerning the ECE Master Plan.

**Approval of the April 14, 2020 Leadership and Impact Committee Agenda**  
Michelle Blakely asked for approval of the meeting agenda.  
*M (H. Cleary) /S (D. Fleishman) /C (Unanimous)*

**COVID-19 Response Team – Provisions for Essential Workers**  
David Fleishman provided an update on Child Care for essential workers in San Mateo County. Child care is currently mainly being provided in the private sector. All of the open sites and their contact information is currently listed on the 4Cs website. 4Cs is keeping track of which sites are currently open and has a dedicated email to assist with referrals as needed for essential workers. The state governor has also issued a directive that a searchable database be available statewide. 4Cs will use new and existing funding to provide subsidies to essential workers. The Essential Worker Child Care Survey has illuminated who it is that needs care, and 4Cs will reach out to them directly.

Child Care and virus-related information and questions: covidresponse@sanmateo4cs.org.  
Emergency child care for essential workers can be found at [www.sanmateo4cs.org](http://www.sanmateo4cs.org).

**COVID-19 Response Team – Essential Workers Survey**  
Sarah Kinahan provided an update concerning the essential worker survey. The survey has been polling daily for the past ten days. The survey has currently been distributed by the SMCOE, 4Cs, Build Up SMC, and First 5. This survey is something we want to be shared widely throughout the community to ensure that essential workers in need of child care are being referred to open sites. Please contact Sarah if you need the link to distribute it to your groups. The survey is available in English, Spanish, and Chinese. Four hundred people have currently finished the survey, although of those participants only two hundred and eight have left their contact information. Healthcare is the top industry for essential workers who are seeking emergency child care, followed by parents who work for city and county government, education, emergency services, food and agriculture, and financial services. The most significant need for child care is school-age children between the ages of five and twelve. The high volume locations for child care needs cluster around Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood City, and San Mateo. There is also a small amount of unmet demand on the Coast. Hourly needs regular to normal business hours with a small number needing overnight and weekend care. Most families are in need of child care additional to their normal hours.
care this month, and most families can contribute an average of $50/day/child. The highest volume of employers is County of San Mateo and Kaiser Permanente workers.

**COVID-19 Response Team – Family Resources SMC Flyer**
Diana Harlick introduced the implementation of the Family Resources SMC Flyer. Diana Harlick, Heather Hopkins, and the SMCOE team compiled a resource flyer to make sure there was a list of critical services to struggling families all in one place. The flyer is written in English, Spanish, and Chinese. The flyer identifies critical services for basic needs, food resources, and core service agencies, and other services that could be helpful for any family with kids 0-13. Meal distribution information, crisis line information, and immigrant support is also included. A portal has also been set up for any family with children ages 0-9 to register for the Ready4K program, with tips and resources for them to access at home. There are QR codes incorporated in the survey to allow the community to access the corresponding websites easily.

**COVID-19 Response Team – Financial Resources**
Michelle Blakely provided information concerning financial resources that we can share with stakeholders and families. Sarah is working on this, providing information concerning gaps in services or newly needed supports, financial assistance for SMC child care providers during the COVID-19 Pandemic, and how best to support the families of our community financially.

**2019/2020 Legislation Tracking**
Sarah Kinahan provided key updates on the 2019/2020 legislative process and opened up the conversation around areas of legislation the CCPC wants to champion, and other areas we may need clarification around. Sarah referenced the CCPC Legislation Tracker linked to the agenda. The legislature is currently on hiatus, but it is important to narrow down and decide which legislation will receive the backing of the CCPC. Emergency recess is currently through May 3, 2020.

Sarah Kinahan asked for bills the Leadership and Impact Committee feel should be on our radar.
- Sarah Kinahan provided context concerning AB324 regarding strengthening and expand funding for the teacher and provider Stipend Program, funding for LPCs, Alternative Payments for Program contractors, and Community colleges. The committee is requesting an update. Sarah Kinahan will connect with Karen Alden concerning the drafted support letter and clarification on new language.
- Dayna Chung provided context concerning AB2346, regarding equity access to early childhood education courses. This is intended to aid those who cannot afford to be full-time students and are disqualified from financial supports and assistance. The intent was to create a pathway for those entering the ECE pipeline to be able to pursue those studies with the reassurance that the fees for the core eight classes would be waived.
- Heather Cleary provided context concerning AB125, regarding a single, regionalized rate structure. Very little information has been available at this moment, and it is uncertain whether the bill will be passed. Sarah suggested the CCPC draft a letter of support concerning this bill.
- Julie Cates provided context concerning AB2986, regarding Family Child Care Home Education Networks.
- Sarah Kinahan provided context concerning AB2894, requiring local general plans to be revised and updated to address the need for early childhood facilities. This bill would necessitate the Office of Planning and Research to prepare and make available advisory guidelines regarding planning for early childhood.

Michelle Blakey from First 5 has a virtual advocacy meeting next week with legislators and will have more information for the committee following that. The primary approach of the collective First 5s is going to be to communicate the response to COVID-19, what First 5 and our partners are trying to accomplish locally, and highlight what policies or advocacies should go to the state level. First 5 will reinforce the desire to enact bills and legislation in early education for providers and families and demonstrate how that is important to our
county. A rollback of funding is inevitable as we move into a recession, which means we need to focus on what our key prioritization messages are. The CCPC and partners in the community must provide an aligned message that illustrates our common goals and critical needs. A template for a letter of support will be provided to the members of the CCPC Leadership and Impact Committee.

In an effort to get in front of the Early Learning Master Plan, it has been proposed to draft a letter that iterates all of the bills that would have been supported under normal circumstances but also pinpoint specific bills that align with our purpose and are crucial to our Early Learning priorities.

**Concerns of Health and Safety of Emergency Child Care**
Sarah Kinahan discussed an email Peggy Pizzo sent to the CCPC voicing apprehensions concerning the health and safety of children and child care workers involved in emergency child care services. The directive is allowing for group sizes of up to ten children, which is may be too high to maintain health and safety best practices. Programs will require higher reimbursement rates to offer smaller group sizes and provide additional hazard pay to the staff. Sarah Kinahan is currently looking into the San Mateo County Subsidy Pilot to see if funds can be allocated to raise the reimbursement rates temporarily. Sarah and Michelle will follow up with Peggy.

**Updates ECE Master Plan Letter**
The Early Childhood Policy Council is still meeting. Michelle Blakely will provide an update on the proposal of moving child care from the Department of Education to the Department of Health and Human Services at a future date; this needs to remain on our radar.

Due to time restraints, the ECE Master Plan was not discussed. The First 5 Association’s letter of information concerning the Master Plan was shared in the meeting packet.

Sarah Kinahan will also begin drafting a response to the ECE Master Plan by the CCPC within the coming weeks. Sarah will touch base with Michelle Blakely while drafting the support letter, which will then be reviewed and approved by Co-chair Superintendent Nancy Magee and Co-chair Supervisor Dave Pine.

**Final Comments**
CCPC Coordinator Sarah Kinahan adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

The next CCPC Leadership and Impact Committee meeting will be on **Monday, May 18, 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**