Child Care Partnership Council  
Monday, September 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes  
San Mateo County Office of Education

Co-chairs: Superintendent Nancy Magee and Supervisor Dave Pine

Members: Karen Alden, Josh Becker, Michelle Blakely, Julie Cates, Heather Cleary, Melinda Day, David Fleishman, Elizabeth Foster, Karen Haas-Forletta, Heather Hopkins, Sarah Kinahan, Jennifer Rogers, Christine Thorsteinson, Lisa Zmiga

Guests: Kristen Anderson, Soodie Ansari, Angel Barrios, Kristina Brower, Andrea Burnett, Dayna Chung, Donna Estipona, Cynthia Fong-Wan, Amalia Forcari, Renuka Hiralal, Mel Kronick, Cindy Lin, Elisa Magidoff, Christine Padilla, Peggy Pizzo, Deanne Reynolds, Lisa Shaanan, Alyssa Scholes, Michelle Sioson-Hyman, Grace Sobieski, Lorna Strachan, Alyson Suzuki, Randy Torrijos, Yaelan Wong

Staff: Nirmala Dillman

Call to Order and Introductions
Supervisor Pine called the meeting to order at 10:40 and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes
Supervisor Pine asked for any changes to the June meeting minutes; hearing none, he invited a motion to approve.  
M (M. Blakely) /S (K. Haas-Forletta) /C (Unanimous)

Public Comment/Announcements
- Christine Padilla informed the group that the US Chamber of Commerce Foundation has released a case study on Build Up. They will also be recording a video profile.
- Heather Cleary announced that Peninsula Family Service will be holding a “Rally on the Rooftop” event on September 26 from 5:30-8:00 pm at their San Mateo location.
- Christine Thorsteinson announced that the Center for Early Learning at Silicon Valley Community Foundation, San Mateo County Office of Education, and First 5 San Mateo County (plus more) are co-hosting a Pre-to-3rd-Grade Alignment conference on November 20 in San Mateo. The theme is “Policy, Partnership, Practice.”
- Michelle Blakely announced that First 5 SMC is hosting an event, “Culture of Care,” on November 18. Topics include trauma-informed care and family resiliency.
- David Fleishman announced that 4Cs is holding their Leadership Awards on October 10. Supervisor Pine will be presenting the Mary Elizabeth Griffin Children’s Award, Human Services Agency will receive the Community Partner Award, and Nirmala Dillman will receive the Mary Petsche Visionary Leader Award.
- Peggy Pizzo announced that Kidango will be having an upcoming event (date TBD) to honor Dr. Nadine Burke Harris.
- Dayna Chung shared that the Community Equity Collaborative is launching their first ECE class on September 23. In partnership with Foothill College, they are bundling ECE classes with dinner and child care and convenient neighborhood locations in Redwood City and Menlo Park.
- Cindy Lin announced that Parent Voices is holding a fundraising breakfast on September 28 at Applebee’s in Redwood City.
- Nirmala Dillman shared that Quality Counts SMC will be holding a recognition event at Karen Alden’s home on October 5. Space is limited to participating programs. Supervisor Pine, Superintendent Magee, and Kitty Lopez (First 5 Executive Director) will attend to honor the participants.

Coordinator Transition Plan
- Nirmala announced that she will be retiring effective October 26. SMCOE is planning a retirement celebration – date TBD.

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• Superintendent Magee presented Nirmala with a commemorative statue and Supervisor Pine presented her with a resolution from the Board of Supervisors.
• SMCOE is working on plans to replace her position with a 0.5 FTE Coordinator (she has been budgeted at 0.15 FTE for the CCPC this fiscal year).
• In the interim, Sarah Kinahan will serve as a part-time consultant coordinator, until the permanent FTE is hired.

Membership
• Christine Thorsteinson was welcomed as a new member.
• Six members have terms ending in the fall. Nirmala expressed her hope that all would renew their membership, but encourage people who will not renew for another term to let her know ASAP.

Coordinator’s Report
• AB1001 (Ting) – LPC legislation is now officially a 2-year bill. It has passed the Assembly, and the Senate Policy Committees, and is now in Senate Appropriations. The Department of Finance and Governor’s Office indicated that the legislation is premature in light of the new ECE Master Plan that is being developed. The ECE Master Plan will build from the CCELP, Assembly Blue Ribbon Commission report, and Preschool Development Grant needs assessment. Nirmala encouraged the CCPC members and guest to continue to support AB 1001 and provide feedback on the ECE Master Plan. In particular, she encouraged CCPC members and guests to identify strategic relationships with those who are working on the plan and our elected officials, and to bring a holistic systems-lens to issues raised in the plan.
• AB 324 (Aguiar-Curry) – professional support stipends is now a 2-year bill; Workforce funding will be coming out in Governor’s next budget.
• Alyson Suzuki, Administrator, Early Learning Support Services at SMCOE is on the State Superintendent’s transition team for early learning.
• Nirmala reminded that the CCPC is the Advisory Body for Quality Counts SMC. CDE and First 5 CA recently announced that the state will not be moving to Matrix 2.0, and instead will take a one-year pause. CSPP programs will need to continue to be rated with current matrix. For non-CSPP programs, they want us to continue to enroll new FCC and centers and offer quality improvement/incentives without required rating. This is an opportunity to continue piloting our specializations (inclusion, family engagement, dual language learners) and set an example for the state.
• AB 48 (O’Donnell) – school facilities bond. The Governor’s Office and legislative leaders have reached agreement to place a $15 billion education construction bond on the March 2020 ballot. PreK facilities are eligible for the first time.

CCPC Strategic Plan 2019-2024
Executive Committee Debrief – Sarah shared that the Executive Committee, with chairs from each of the committees, held a conference call on September 10. Each committee reported on the activities they completed over the summer. Committee Chairs agreed to ask their groups to identify a handful of key activities and partnerships for 2019-20 that they will focus on and report on at the CCPC meetings. The group also discussed the Coordinator Transition Plan, the Partner Landscape Map and Calendar, the Communications Plan, and topics for upcoming CCPC meetings.

Partner Landscape Map and Calendar – Sarah and Julie shared a document they developed over the summer to build a database of key partners who relate to the CCPC strategic plan. The document has tabs for local partners, advocacy partners, calendar events, and data resources. Members and guests with suggestions for the document should share these with the committee chairs who have access to make updates to the document.
Committee Reports

Workforce – Heather Cleary reported on three activities/focus areas:
1) Karen Haas-Foletta met recently with students from Carlmont High School who are interested in ECE careers.
2) The Workforce committee is focusing on ECE summer internships for Summer 2020 offered through SMCOE’s existing CTE program.
3) The Workforce committee wants to partner with Skyline College to offer Community Equity Collaborative’s model for community-based ECE classes to startup in Fall 2020. They need funding and partners.
4) Heather recommended we compile a master plan for expansion to understand the number of new classrooms that are being planned (and the number of staff that would be needed) and any classrooms that are currently not operating due to a lack of staff, as well as the number of vacant positions. This research would provide data and talking points to ensure that we have sufficient workforce to staff all the planned classrooms.

The committee will meet again before the November CCPC meeting and everyone is welcome to provide input, particularly on the summer intern program.

Access – Sarah Kinahan reported that Cindy from 4Cs has agreed to co-chair the committee. The committee will be focusing on four activities this year:
1) Understanding concerns and challenges with Community Care Licensing regulations and practices to inform CCL, inform the field, and propose possible legislative fixes.
2) Promote the passage of SB 234 to cities and family child care providers, working in partnership with 4Cs and Build Up.
3) Engage with parent groups, such as Parent Voices and local PTAs, to engage parents in our strategic plan and understand barriers to access from the parent perspective.
4) Stay engaged in the state-level planning for the Preschool Development Grant, QRIS/BUILD, and the ECE Master Plan.

Quality – Lisa Shaanan reported that the committee is working on the criteria for the specializations. They have a beginning framework for how programs could take incremental steps to specialization with evidence-based assessment at Tier 5.

Leadership and Impact – Michelle Blakely reported that they are working on articulating 4-5 key messages related to the strategic plan that will form the basis for the Communications Plan. CCPC will be able to work with Patricia Love (SMCOE communications). The committee also discussed CCPC member capacity building topics such as legislation and an advocacy “deep dive.”

Community Reports
San Bruno Mapping Project – Sarah presented the results of a study she did for the San Bruno Community Foundation, First 5 SMC and Build Up. In the study, she used maps to identify areas of need for child care and preschool in the city. Reports and maps can be accessed at https://buildupsmc.com/2019/02/using-maps-to-plan-for-child-care-san-bruno-case-study/.

Supervisor Pine adjourned the meeting at 12:05 pm.

The next CCPC meeting will be on Monday, November 18, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.