

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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, September 12, 2022**

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

**CCPC Members Present:** Michelle Blakely, Heather Cleary, Jennifer Pifeleti, Liz Scully, Christine Thorsteinson, Guillermo Vasquez, Tina Watts

**Members of the Public:** Kristen Anderson, Diana Harlick, Marchelle Moten, Randy Torrijos

**Staff/Minutes:** Sarah Kinahan

**1. Call to Order**

Michelle Blakely called the meeting to order at 2:03pm

**2. Action to adopt a resolution finding that, as a result of continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency, meeting in person for the Child Care Partnership Council’s Leadership and Impact Committee would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees (Attachments #1A and #1B)**

MOTION: Thorsteinson / SECOND: Cleary

AYES: Unanimous

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

**3. Approval of Leadership-Impact Committee Meeting Minutes from June 13, 2022, and Agenda for September 12, 2022 Meeting**

MOTION: Thorsteinson / SECOND: Blakely

AYES: Unanimous

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

**4. Leadership and Impact Committee Updates and Check-in (Michelle Blakely)**

Michelle Blakely welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked people to introduce themselves. Sarah introduced SMCOE’s new Executive Director for P-3 and Early Education, Marchelle Moten.

**5. Update on Housing Elements Letter (Sarah Kinahan)**

Build Up SMC and the CCPC sent a joint letter to city council members, city managers, and planning commissioners in June. Approximately 1/3 of the cities, and the County, responded positively to the letter. San Carlos has included a goal related to child care. Menlo Park has included language related to child care but it needs to be improved. Christine Thorsteinson has shared the letter in Santa Clara County. Sarah and Kristen

shared the template letter and policy language with the Bay Area group of the California Child Care Coordinators Association. More work needs to be done to follow up with cities, particularly to make sure they are in compliance with SB 234 and family child care.

## **6. Review Legislation Tracker (Sarah Kinahan)**

Sarah reviewed the legislation that has made it to the Governor's desk, or has died or been vetoed. The group discussed the following bills:

- SB 976 (Leyva) Universal Preschool Act – this bill did not make it through the legislature. There is the potential to bring it back in the next session.
- SB 1047 (Limón) Early Learning and Care, AB 92 (Reyes) Family Fees, and SB 70 (Rubio) Mandatory Kindergarten – on Governor's desk

The group talked about the following ideas for new legislation:

- A bill to force better alignment between CDE and CDSS when implementing program guidance. Michelle will raise this idea with the First 5 Association.
- A bill to support mixed-delivery of universal preschool that would support re-training to work with infants/toddlers, TA to support financial stability.

The group recommended that we review the Rate & Quality Workgroup's report at a CCPC meeting. The group continues to be supportive of the concept of a San Mateo County Children's Initiative with a tax on the 2024 ballot. The group recognized a need for increased federal investment as well.

## **7. State Budget Check-In (Sarah Kinahan)**

Sarah shared an update on the 22-23 state budget. The group talked about the new requirement that State Preschool (CSPP) programs phase in reserving 10% of their enrollment for children with IEPs. Early Start is expanding their efforts to identify children earlier which may lead to more children with IEPs in the future.

The group asked for data on the utilization of different adjustment factors.

## **8. Hot Topics (All)**

- Izzi needs people to serve on a committee to review facilities proposals. Contact Jennifer if interested.
- Christine shared about the forums that Choose Children will be hosting this month for candidates for Board of Supervisors.
- The Silicon Valley Community Foundation may be able to sponsor a few women leaders of colors in a national leadership cohort. Contact Christine for details.

## **9. Adjournment**

Michelle Blakely adjourned the meeting at 3:21pm