

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

Monday, November 14, 2022

Hybrid Meeting via Zoom

CCPC Members Present: Julie Cates, David Fleishman, Jennifer Pifeleti, Christine Thorsteinson, Guillermo Vasquez

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

Staff/Minutes: Ian Johnson/Sarah Kinahan

1. Call to Order

Sarah Kinahan

Sarah Kinahan called the meeting to order at 2:03pm

2. Approval of Leadership-Impact Committee Meeting Minutes from September 12, 2022, and Agenda for November 14, 2022, Meeting

Sarah Kinahan

MOTION: CATES / SECOND: THORSTEINSON

AYES: UNANIMOUS

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

3. Welcome & Check-in

Sarah Kinahan

Sarah Kinahan welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked people to please introduce themselves.

4. Review County Legislative Program

Sarah Kinahan

The County Executive’s Office (CEO) asked the CCPC to review and provide feedback on their updated Legislative Program. The committee offered feedback that Sarah will share with the CEO.

The group also discussed CCPC legislative priorities for the year that included:

- Better collaboration and alignment between CDE, CDSS, and First 5 CA on program requirements to minimize conflicting directives to programs that contract with different state agencies (for example directives related to program eligibility of rate adjustment factors).
- Monitor the implementation of the requirement that CSPP programs reserve 10% of their enrollment for children with special needs to identify and address any challenges that arise.
- Action to raise wages for early educators to a living wage with parity with TK-12 teachers.
- Investigate avenues to improve data collection for children ages 0-8. The state is in Year 3 of 6 in implementing a Cradle-to-Career data system. Early learning will be added in Year 5. Perhaps a workgroup could be implemented sooner to assess early childhood data sources in preparation for Year 5. Another idea to improve P-3 data is to ask for state funding to incentivize communities to use vetted resources for data collection. Lastly, our sector needs something like the “Core Data Collaborative” for the ECE/P-3 space to look at where outcomes for children are changing.
- Research potential funding mechanisms at the County level.

5. Discuss Emerging “Hot Topics”

Sarah Kinahan

The group discussed a number of advocacy efforts that CCPC may want to support:

- **Advocating for support of the Child Care Funding Reform Now Letter developed by Children Now.** This letter emphasizes the need for the State to implement the recommendations of the Rate and Quality Workgroup. This is a letter to the Governor that proposes significant investments in child care reimbursement rates and the implementation of long discussed rate reform to ensure child care access and availability for all working families in California. Sarah will share the sign-on letter.
- **Waiver to requirements to use recycled water/non-potable water in child care settings (restrooms, in landscaping, within proximity to play structures).**
- The design of the **new P-3 credential** does not make it possible for early educators with a BA to get their credential. The Center for the Study of Child Care Employment has been leading advocacy on this topic.
- Need **regional income eligibility for Head Start**. The State Median Income does not match federal HUD income eligibility.

Other Ideas for Advocacy:

- In 2024, develop a Children’s Voter guide working in partnership with SCCOE and Choose Children.
- Ask new legislators a few key questions and then report back.

Needs Assessment Launch:

- Sarah and Christine have started planning and scheduling a symposium to share and utilize the 2022 Child Care Needs Assessment.

9. Adjournment

Sarah Kinahan

Sarah Kinahan adjourned the meeting at 3:32pm