LEADERSHIP & IMPACT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 15, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

CCPC Members Present: Michelle Blakely, Julie Cates, David Fleishman, Heather Hopkins, Jennifer Pifileti, Tal Tamir, Christine Thorsteinson
Members of the Public: Kristen Anderson, Diana Harlick, Randy Torrijos
Minutes: Michelle Blakely

1. Call to Order

Michelle Blakely called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. 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

Moved by: David Fleishman    Seconded by: Heather Hopkins
Vote: All voted in favor

3. Approval of November 15, 2021 Leadership and Impact Committee Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2021

Moved by: Jennifer Pifileti    Seconded by: Julie Cates
Vote: All voted in favor

4. Leadership and Impact Committee Updates and Check-in

- David and Michelle gave an overview of ARPA planning meetings as a precursor to the presentation that will be featured during the general Child Care Partnership Council meeting. The overview included a high-level review of the ARPA funding priorities aimed at economic stabilization and supports, and the County’s focus on Child Care, Housing, Workforce Development, and Extended Learning for prioritizing ARPA funding. Key points of discussion:
  o committee agreed with the recommended funding priorities (workforce incentives, general operating support grants, workforce navigation supports, shared services pilot, health & safety funding supports, centralized eligibility list, CCPC, communication & messaging re: benefits of preschool and extended learning supports.)
  o Tal commented that ARPA funds are one-time only and the field needs short, medium and long-term supports for sustainability.
- Kristen gave an update on the $250M in the state budget for facilities. It remains unclear how these resources will be administered, and it is believed that San Mateo County may be less of a priority than other counties, as history has shown. We’ll need to advocate for our programs;
Kristen will keep the group informed and coordinated with Build Up San Mateo.
- David gave a brief update on the South San Francisco Preschool for All group which is a grassroots campaign effort steered by advocates, providers such as Liz Scully, the Child Care Providers United Union representative, and other stakeholders. This effort will include a ballot initiative to raise funds for universal preschool, and will include funding for livable wages for the workforce. David and Margret Brodkin attend these meetings as observers.
- Jennifer commented that for Izzy, challenges with the workforce shortage are the highest priority and that parent enrollment has been a bit better lately.
- There was general sentiment that child care affordability is still an issue.
- The group discussed the expansion and Transitional Kindergarten (TK):
  - The community is ready for a discussion on TK. What is the collective strategy?
  - SMCOE now has a small team of staff organizing working on TK.
  - Diana discussed The Big Lift’s upcoming meeting featuring San Diego COE’s TK/CSPP approach. The Big Lift is hearing from districts that staff are overwhelmed by lack of time to address these new needs and priorities.
  - Discussion on the pros and challenges of TK. Advocacy is needed for a mixed-delivery system and should be a major focus and priority.

5. Review [CCPC 2020-21 Legislation Tracker](#) and Discuss Priorities for 2022

The committee reviewed the legislation tracker. The committee did not recommend any changes to the positions taken on 2020-21 legislation. The committee discussed SB 50 and possible advocacy with Senator Becker to review the bill after Governor’s veto. The group talked about Build Back Better at the federal level that will need local advocacy and understanding of the funding available. Julie reaffirmed that we will continue any advocacy that is needed.

6. Discuss Development of a [CCPC Event](#) Focused on Addressing Institutional Racial Inequities

Michelle pitched an updated plan for an event/panel that she and Sarah Kinahan are planning. The committee expressed its full support. The group had some conversation on titles, approaches, and definitions. Title/approach is REDI: Racial Equity Diversity and Inclusion. This panel/discussion is targeting racial equity and institutional inequities. Will need to provide a framework and definitions for reference.
- Randy commented that San Mateo County’s Equity Officer, Shireen Malikfazeli, has shared the County’s REDI framework that could perhaps be shared. Need to define the desired outcome of the panel/event and convene a workgroup to help with planning.

7. Discuss Emerging “Hot Topics”

No further discussion topics were identified.

8. Adjournment

Michelle adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

*The next Leadership and Impact Committee meeting is Monday, January 24, 2022: 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.*