Child Care Partnership Council  
**Monday, June 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes**  
San Mateo County Office of Education

Co-chairs: (absent due to other commitments)


Guests: Diana Alcázar-López, Soodie Ansari, Angel Barrios, Kristina Brower, Mary Browning, Mindy Camacho, Dayna Chung, Mel Kronick, Christine Padilla, Lisa Shaanan, Michelle Sison-Hyman, Grace Sobieski, Lorna Strachan, Graciela Torres, Randy Torrijos, Janet Zamudio

Staff: Nirmala Dillman and Kristen Anderson

**Call to Order and Introductions**

In the absence of the co-chairs and per CCPC by-laws, Coordinator Nirmala Dillman called the meeting to order at 10:30 and asked attendees to introduce themselves and state whether they are voting members or guests (non-voting).

Nirmala reported that member Pauahi McGinn has resigned her seat due to workload issues. Another vacancy may come up soon so we’ll be looking for new members. She reminded everyone that we need “all hands on deck” to accomplish the work of the CCPC Strategic Plan. She encouraged any member, who cannot commit to attend meetings and participate in committee work, to reconsider voting membership, in favor of participation as a community member/regular guest.

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

Nirmala asked for any changes to the May meeting minutes; hearing none, she invited a motion to approve.  
*M (S. Poulain) /S (E. Foster) /C (Unanimous)*

**Public Comment/Announcements**

- Elizabeth Foster shared that she saw notice of an Inclusion Festival on Thursday, August 8, 11:00-3:00 in Redwood City’s Events calendar (copies available). The event, sponsored by the Commission on Disabilities, will be in Red Morton Park (behind 1400 Roosevelt Ave.).
- Kristen Anderson announced that Assembly Members Kevin Mullin and Marc Berman will host a Community Coffee this Friday 8-9:30 at Squeeze In in Redwood City (Marsh Manor shopping center on Florence St.). It would be a good opportunity to thank Kevin for his support of facilities issues and child care in general and his successful bill AB 452 (that will change the Revolving Loan Fund to a grant program).
- Heather Cleary announced that Peninsula Family Service is working with Peninsula Clean Energy to provide $4,000 grants for low income families to buy used hybrid cars.

**Coordinator’s Report**

- Nirmala reported that American Institutes for Research (AIR) has requested information from all LPCs via a survey. The data will help AIR to fulfill their scope of work to CA Dept of Ed (CDE) for a statewide Needs Assessment required the federal “Preschool Development Grant.” AIR Project Leads want several sources of data by July 10, some of which are not easily available to many LPCs. LPCs were promised additional funding to do this work but CDE hasn’t told them what those allocations will be and when they will be received. SMCOE, SELPA, 4Cs, Build Up, HSA and others are helping pull it together, and Sarah Kinahan will help finalize the survey since Nirmala’s on vacation next week.
- Nirmala announced that after July 1, Kristen’s role with the CCPC will change. She will not have funded time to support the CCPC with meeting planning, minutes and Committee communication. She will limited time to continue to support facilities work for the CCPC, EQ+IP and Build Up.
- Nirmala plans to retire October 26. Sarah Kinahan will provide interim support as a consultant to fulfill the basic LPC mandates until a more permanent plan for the position is found. The LPC
Coordinator position is funded at less than .5 FTE, making it difficult to accomplish the work needed and mandated. While both San Mateo County and SMCOE each contribute $34K in funding and in-kind support to the CCPC, the combined funds will only cover about a .30 FTE position, plus the costs to administer and evaluate the AB 1326 Individualized Child Care Subsidy Program and the AB 212 Child Care Teacher Stipend Program. Nirmala took on the additional role of Quality Rating and Improvement System Coordinator in 2014, in order to maintain full-time employment. That work has greatly expanded and cannot realistically be combined with the role of LPC Coordinator for the future. Nirmala believes that a minimum of a .5 FTE is critical. She expressed disappointment that AB1001, with its updated mandates and additional funding for LPCs, was held up in the Budget Conference Committee by the Governor’s Office and Department of Finance staff. There was no actual opposition to the bill specifics. The bill was actively supported by both the Assembly and Senate Budget Committee members. The bill is not dead, but has become a 2-year bill,“ ready to be taken up in the Senate when the new Legislative year begins (Update: the bill was heard in Senate Education on the 26th and Nirmala went to testify. It passed and was be heard and passed on consent by the Senate Human Services Committee. The bill is now in Senate Appropriations Committee on the “consent” agenda, awaiting the 2019-20 Legislative session and an allocation of funding for 20-21 if successful.

State Budget Highlights
Nirmala reviewed the list of early education ‘wins’ in the budget: Alternative Payment Program - 9500 new voucher spaces; General Child Care infant and school-age - 3000 new spaces; Ca State Preschool Program (CSPP) - 10,000 spaces and a decision that all 4 year-olds in any school attendance area where 80% of children are eligible for Free/reduced Meals are automatically eligible for a CSPP space. No reimbursement rate increase was included in the budget, but it did include a 3.26% COLA for contractors. Facility grant funds of $245M were included, and 5% of this can be contracted out for facility technical assistance grantees. $195M was included for unspecified workforce development grants. After the budget bill (AB 74) is signed, trailer bills will be needed to edit code. Sarah Kinahan mentioned SB 234 (Skinner) re Large Family Child Care Homes by right, is moving along unopposed!

CCPC Strategic Plan 2019-2024 – Committee Reports

Workforce – Heather Cleary reported that they will focus on the apprenticeship program idea and will meet mid-August. They also will pursue the possibility of joining the COE’s Summer Internship Program for teachers next year.

Leadership and Impact – Michelle Blakely reported that the group is working on a communications plan over the summer. David will lead work on a parent survey, and Jennifer Pifeleti will lead planning on local policy advocacy relating to immunization requirements for parent volunteers that negatively impact family engagement.

Access – Sarah Kinahan reported that they are tracking the federal Working Families Act. They want to look closely at the Blue Ribbon Report section on Access. Along with Julie Cates from Leadership/Impact, they are mapping organizations working on policy and systems change; this will be shared in the fall. The committee is collecting ideas on licensing regulation changes needed; Alyson will collect the responses. Build Up =outreach to cities

Quality – Mary Browning reported that they’re working with the Quality Counts Advisory Committee to develop specialties in Inclusion, Family Engagement, and Dual Language Learners. They will meet July 16, and hope to have a structure before fall.

Nirmala asked what the best way would be to keep informed about changes in committees’ plans. The group decided that a live link on the CCPC page of the website could go to a shared Google doc that’s “Read Only,” not editable by everyone. The SMCOE website is currently being re-designed, so posting of CCPC current documents and links may be somewhat delayed.
**CEL/SVCF Child Care Design study**
Michelle Sioson-Hyman, Center for Early Learning at Silicon Valley Community Foundation, presented results of a study they conducted on how parents find child care and how providers enroll children. Parent and provider input sessions were held, and recommendations were made to improve the processes for both groups, including increasing public awareness and improving technology.
Michelle Blakely shared that there’s state-level work to increase access, including a parent portal, MyChildCare database that may be available in July.

Nirmala adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Please let her know about any summer committee meetings that others can join, so invitations can be sent to members and guests.

The next CCPC meeting will be on **Monday, September 23, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**