



**Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
December 7, 2016
MINUTES**

“The mission of the Public Policy Committee is to support the mission of the Planning Council by monitoring and developing early care and education legislation, policies and regulations that impact children, families and child care providers and recommending appropriate action to the Child Care Planning Council.”

Attendees:

Margaret Jerene	Steering Committee, First Five	Melinda Martin	Consultant
Diana Engel	Steering Committee	Phan Fung	Child Care Links
Jenna Churchman	Steering Committee, Co-Chair, SSA	Rosemary Obeid	4Cs of Alameda County
Daryl Hanson	Consultant	Carol Thompson	Child Care Links
Pauline McCarthy	4Cs of Alameda County	Pamm Shaw	YMCA of the East Bay

Ellen Dektar, Angie Garling LPC Staff

I. Announcements

- The Legislative Analysts’s Office (LAO) may propose that a new factor that addresses special needs children is added to the state required LPC zip code priority data collection
- The November election did include a couple of bright spots nationally—Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio passed ECE for All initiatives
- Children Now is having a webinar on the Local Control Funding Formula on December 15th

II. Report out from ECEPC Committees

- ECE Committee will have an Inclusion Forum in March

III. Federal, State Legislation and Budget

- *The Committee supported signing on to the National Women’s Law Center letter to the Trump Administration requesting more Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG funding)*
- Ellen and Pamm reported on the Oakland meeting at BANANAS of a statewide task force researching the impact of minimum wage increases on the child care field and policies that would help mitigate the impact.
- Ellen and Angie are working with the County lobbyist and counsel to prepare to modify the pilot via legislation to enable Alternative Payment contractors to participate.
- *Next week at a Head Start meeting, Pamm will discuss County suggested language to limit the definition of volunteer for purposes of immunizations.*

IV. Discuss and Prioritize AB 104 Task Force Recommendations

- Pamm walked through the recommendations of the statewide task force convened by the Department of Finance that developed recommendations on streamlining the child care system. Many of the recommendations stemmed from the Planning Council's work numerous years ago to identify efficiencies.
- *The Committee decided to write a letter prior to when comments on state regulations are due on January 9th reiterating the priorities identified by the Task Force and adding emphasis on the need to modify homeless definitions.*

V. Refine Plan for Visits with Board of Supervisors and ACOE

- *The Council should plan the visits as discussed and also send letters to new federal elected officials (Harris, Khanna) introducing ourselves and talking about the need for child care.*
- *Ellen will develop a summary of talking points that includes definitions of the building blocks of school readiness. LPC staff will also arrange an opportunity for members to discuss and understand the First Five School Readiness measure.*

VI. Recent ECE Teaching Workforce Report

- The County could consider supporting a workforce study group
- The proposed workforce changes are too detailed to review at this Committee meeting.
- *There's an online survey that members could be sent for individual response.*
- In summary, this state group was trying to identify opportunities to support improvements to the ECE workforce and incorporate many recommendations from a recent Institute of Medicine report but the reality is that the field needs significant new revenue to support and incentivize increased training and qualifications for staff.

VII. Child Care Facilities Revolving Fund Letter

- *Endorse Kristen Anderson's letter with a cover note that localizes the issue.*

VIII. AB 833/Alameda County Pilot Update

- No major updates were provided

IX. Parent Voices Homeless Proposal

- Committee reviewed a verbal summary of the Parent Voices request to the County and supports the proposal in general terms—a \$4 million request for child care subsidies for parents living in shelters...
- The proposal technical details are evolving and the Council will continue to monitor

X. Develop January Agenda

- Have the meeting after the Governor's Budget is released, which must be done by January 10th

<p>Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 1:00-3:00 **4Cs of Alameda County</p>



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