



**Alameda County Early Care & Education
Planning Council**

Annual Planning Retreat – Evaluation Summary

Mills College- Education Building, Room 101
Friday, September 19, 2014

What I liked best about our retreat is....

- Interactions and discussion
- Interactive
- Talking about ideas with my table mates
- Darci was great!
- Every idea got out there
- Categorizing data into information allowed us to visualize our mission on what goals & objectives we will try and meet within the next 18 months
- Seeing our shared vision
- It was in the context of the Council's current work
- Interaction of all participants
- Re-energizing
- Being forced to come up with short, concrete ideas
- Learned some new info I didn't know, i.e., Title 5 vs 22 and where they live
- Voices from varying community expertise and interest
- I really enjoyed the process Darci used with creating ideas given the large group
- Collaboration, assigned table seats, chance to contribute
- We came away with a lot of goals under committee structure
- Level of inter-activeness of activities
- Small group discussion

Where we made the most movement forward is...

- Defining the work
- Building a shared framework around the work of the ECEPC
- Getting more of a specific focus
- Actually doing effective collaboration. Allowing the group to have real impact
- Clarifying and categorizing work and function of the Council
- Beginning to "gel" what is important to us. Created a list of things to do
- There was good information within the members of the Planning Council where there was engagement among each other on where our goals
- Having choice for committees, key actions we need to accomplish themes
- Identifying core areas of work: Data, Workforce, Quality
- Identifying priorities
- Brainstorming windows
- Making a list of concrete actions for each committee
- Bringing new group together

- Options of focus for varying committees
- Creating & organizing ideas for the ECEPC to focus on moving forward
- Understanding Council; narrowing forward motion/plans
- Moving past personal agendas; collaborating on work for the Council
- Identified tangible action items/steps to move forward towards identified goals
- Identifying about our role as a Council

Where we have the most work to do.....

- Mapping (various); marketing; bridging; Sequel (compensation work); Business community funding; TK
- Lots of items listed under ECE that need to be organized & possibly prioritized
- On the ECE community
- Finding funding to do the work
- Turning “to do” list into detailed plan
- It is important (especially for new members) to have a better understanding of the overall operation of the Planning Council and other subsidiary Planning Councils
- Data; crosswalk; TK
- Data development
- Unified view of the Council
- Helping members understand how Council works
- Narrowing focus
- Delegation/volunteering tasks; listening to others’ voices
- Advocacy; data collection; QRIS
- ECE
- Funding; data collection & analysis; TK bridging; recruiting local businesses
- Action that can actually impact funding levels
- Advocating for increased investment in childcare for all families in all types of care

What we most need to keep in mind as we move forward with the Plan we’ve developed is....

- What capacity do we have to do this? Reasonable, measurable & doable outcomes
- Go at an effective pace
- Be realistic! Do what you can actually complete well. Have a specific purpose for you.
- The breadth of work to do
- Keeping *child* focus (not budget, age, committee, agency, etc.)
- There needs to be a better understanding and a clear vision of the all operations within the Planning Council and interaction within one another
- Interface between ACECEPC, LINCC and ELC. Reporting format
- New funding initiatives that will suck up staff time
- Focus on goals; persevere
- Time issues
- Peoples background & lenses
- To scaffold doable tasks that build on others; sustainability
- Being goal, results oriented; why we do this important work—the children’s future!

- Enough member support to make activities/goals reality
- Level of work for Council staff & work to identify possible work
- Families need more options. Quality comes in all forms

One thing that you are taking away with you from this retreat is....

- Great ideas, inspiring ideas; specific actions
- Deeper knowledge about our work
- How the Council actually works with staff. How the Council guides committee work
- There is more work!
- An interest in focusing on: TK↔ECE groups; Professional development problems
- This session gave me a better overall commitment on meeting our next 18 months objectives
- Exciting we have some work to do
- How to make sure the work doesn't get overwhelming
- There are a lot of different opinions
- Group has a lot of knowledge & expertise. Let's get stuff done!
- We will have a way to develop goals leading to action
- A renewed interest & focus with ECEPC
- More knowledge, understanding of ECE and hope for making change
- Lots of important work
- Understanding the clear direction of the Council

19 responses out of 27 attendees