



**Alameda County Early Care & Education  
 Public Policy Committee  
 July 13, 2015  
 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:*

Jenna Churchman	Steering Committee Member, Committee Co-Chair	Daryl Hanson	Consultant
Carol Thompson	Steering Committee Member, Committee Co-Chair	Leah Goldsmith	Steering Committee Member
Judy Kriege	BANANAS	Melinda Martin	Consultant, ACOE

*Ellen Dektar, Angie Garling ECEPC Staff*

**I. Announcements**

- Oakland Measure Z hearing on July 14<sup>th</sup>
- Carol is now Vice President of CAPP
- Lynn Martin is retiring from OUSD

**II. Updates from ECEPC Committees**

- LINCC met, discussed green issues

**III. Discussion and Possible Action on Federal and State Budget and Legislation**

- State Budget
  - New LAO analysis was distributed
  - License exempt provider rate is now \$2 an hour according to Judy
  - Jenna announced that the budget included a new state Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) that will benefit very low-income individuals and families in California. However repeal of the CalWORKs Maximum Family Grant, which would have impacted approximately 4,000 Alameda County children, was not included in the budget. Senator Mitchell is still moving her legislation (SB 23) to repeal this rule that denies cash aid to children conceived while a parent was receiving CalWORKs.
    - Melinda would like to distribute information on United Way free tax sites at the Needs and Eligibility meeting
- Federal Legislation and Budget: Casey Amendment to fund all 4 year olds for preschool up to 200% of poverty will be voted on tomorrow. Programs must be high quality, with well paid teachers and small class sizes.
- SB 792 (Mendoza) Some questions or comments raised in our discussion were:
  - Would parent volunteers be required to have immunizations (doesn't look like that's addressed in the language)? How about substitutes?



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- Would this need annual documentation? How could providers track this? Are there models that health care systems or other big systems use that could be adapted for child care? For instance, apparently CalWORKs workers have access to a database that has information on whether a CHILD has been vaccinated.
- So many adults don't get immunized for the flu, this seemed like a more unusual requirement out of the three required immunizations
- Child care administrators are already stretched very thin with administrative tasks and their staff who make nominal wages are often and unfortunately transitory so this could be fairly burdensome administratively. The state subsidized programs (we have more than 30 in our County) don't even have funds to pay for staff training days.
- Are there ways we could facilitate provider access to these immunizations in Alameda County via mobile clinics or neighborhood clinics or otherwise?

**IV. Update and Possible Action on School District Efforts**

- Not a lot of updates other than the Planning Council tried to incorporate child care language in the plans of the lowest performing districts this year and Children Now was contemplating convening a meeting with School District child development directors in the early Fall to encourage them to push for general language about the importance of ECE.
- Other ways the ECEPC is working more closely with School Districts:
  - Transitional Kindergarten teacher child development training implementation
  - New staff at the County Office of Education

**V. RBA**

- The group discussed the sequencing of the presentation at the July 24<sup>th</sup> ECEPC meeting and the interest in having Committees discuss their performance measures in the future.
- With respect to other Public Policy Strategic Plan objectives:
  - Increase reimbursement rates: we are sponsoring AB 833, and did extensive state budget advocacy
  - 0-3 year old funding: AP slots were increased by 10,000 at the state and Oakland philanthropists are being encouraged to invest in this area by staff;
    - *The group suggested aligning state subsidized programs with Early Head Start next year to allow better blending of programs, although this would not necessarily increase slots; key areas would include changing income eligibility, and reducing class size.*

**VI. Next Meeting Items**

No items were recommended

**Next Meeting: Monday, August 3, 2015 6:00 pm \*\*4Cs of Alameda County\*\***

