

**ALAMEDA COUNTY EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
January 19, 2018**

Steering Committee Members Present: [15]			
Amapola Beenn	Tracey Black	Ana Del Aguila	Mary Anne Doan
Diana Engel	Erica Harrell	Renee Herzfeld	Katie Honegger
Margaret Jerene	Judy Kriege	Isabelle McDaniel	Susan Morris
Kate Shaheed	Nancy Strohl	Stacie Williams	
Steering Committee Members Absent: [11]			
Neva Bandelow	Margaret Bartelt	Leah Branson	Alexandra Caraballo
Clarissa Doutherd	Relena Ellis	Carlota Escarez	Carmen Gonzalez
Jean Monroe	Melanie Mueller	Ramil Rivera	
General Members Present:			
Elaine Ginnold	SSA	Sadaf Siddiq	SSA
Joni Chantigian	4 Cs Alameda County	Nick Tarbat	Lakeshore
Jennifer Caban	SSA		
Child Care Planning Council Staff Present:			
LaWanda Wesley	Ellen Dektar	Angie Garling	Rozeena Jhinnu
Brian Hickey	Sonya Mehta		

1. Call to Order

- Renee S. Herzfeld, Council Chair, convened the meeting at 9:08 AM at 4C's of Alameda County, 22351 City Center Drive, Hayward.
- Renee welcomed attendees, inviting attendees to introduce themselves, state where they worked, and what brought them there today.
- Renee shared a personal story with the group about a young person who spoke at the "All In" meeting. This young person attended a preschool where she worked. The preschool children sang "I Believe I can Fly" at their graduation. Today, these same children believe they can fly. The teachers thought it was a motivational song, although Renee had a different vision in mind for graduation. Twenty-five years later a person is standing up and telling everyone that the song inspired them! This is a good example that we need to listen to all the voices. Even for ideas that you do not understand at that moment.

2. Consent Calendar-Action

- **Approve January 19, 2018 Agenda and December 1, 2017 Minutes**
 - Renee Herzfeld called for a motion to approve the January Agenda. Erica Harrell motioned and Mary Anne seconded.
 - Nancy Strohl motioned that the December 1st minutes be accepted. Stacie Williams seconded. The motion carried with one abstention.

3. Results-Based Accountability (RBA) Performance Goals—Review

- Renee Herzfeld transitioned the RBA Performance Goals Review to LaWanda Wesley. Attendees (Steering Committee only) were asked to review the survey included in the meeting packet. The survey was developed to understand what the membership needs to take action, and the variety of activities that members of the Planning Council may be doing. The members were directed to the online EV Poll <https://PollEv.com/surveys/IRnf9BJKv/web> to answer the questions posted there.
- LaWanda Wesley informed attendees that she is measuring the performance of the Planning Council over time, (measuring from last year to current time)

- Renee let the group know that they can complete the online survey from their computer which might be easier for some because you can just click on the link

4. Planning Council Business: Action Items

- **Action Item #1: Send Letter to Governor Supporting Increased ECE Investments**
 - A letter to Governor Brown thanking him for increasing Early Care and Education (ECE) funding in the proposed state budget (Title 5 rate increase, sustaining last year's voucher rate increase, and adding funding to increase support for inclusive child care.). The letter asked for the Governor to reconsider making all of his proposed \$3.5 billion additional Rainy-Day transfer, consider additional ECE rate reform, and funding for infant and toddler spaces.
 - Motion was made by Diana Engel and seconded by Tracey Black. The motion was approved unanimously.
- **Action Item #2: Support Updated Framework for Federal Budget Letters**
 - Support the updates made by the Public Policy Committee made to last year's framework to reflect the primary issues of this year. The framework for the content of letters consists of providing elected officials with local data to support their advocacy in sustaining in increasing federal investments.
 - Nancy Strohl told the group that the framework is similar to last year's but has some differences, such as asking to lift the budget caps.
 - Tracey Black asked and suggested the rewording such as "early care and education" and not as "child care" in the letters
 - A motion was made by Mary Ann Doan and seconded by Tracey Black.
- **Action Item #3: Support Sending Letter to Federal Elected Officials on Support for Increase in Child Care & Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Funding**
 - Approve sending letter to California's federal elected officials from the Child Care Law Center, in which the Planning Council Public Policy Committee approved signing onto, to support the increase if CCDBG funding.
 - A motion was made by Mary Ann Doan and seconded by Ana Del Aguila.

5. Correspondence

- LaWanda Wesley directed attention to the Council's letters to Supervisor Keith Carson re: support for City, County, and any other special revenue measures to increase funding for access to quality ECE programs and Senator Feinstein re: oppose proposed tax cut and support adequate funding for children's programs in 2018 spending bill.

6. Presentations

- Angie Garling provided a 30-minute presentation regarding Alameda County's Local ECE initiatives. She reviewed the ordinance and program components. She told the group that a higher education task force will be meeting over the next few months and there will be a creation of a task force on wages. Angie asked the group to come to the reading of the ordinance on February 6th and if you are unable to attend in-person to then email/call your representative. She explained that ordinance is the law and is valid for 30 years; the plan is 5 years, are more specific but has more flexibility. The group discussed the planning year and steps for the initiative.
- **Susan Morris asked to pass a message to Michael Panori to please get well*
 - Ellen Dektar provided two presentations overviewing state legislation and the budget process. She showed the group how a bill becomes a law and shared bills will change throughout the process, so the initial language used to introduce the bill is not the final language. She reminded the group that if an individual is advocating for a policy then their employer should know because there needs to be a separation between private and public interest. Ellen showed a

diagram to illustrate how to navigate the state budget process. She ended the presentation and engaged the group to play an interactive Legislative Jeopardy game to help deepen the group's understanding of the legislative process.

7. Committee Reports (verbal and/or written, time permitting):

- Due to time restrictions, the Committee Reports, printed in the meeting packets, were offered as “read only.”

8. Community and Staff Reports:

- Early Childhood and ACEs: Part 2 (Trauma Informed Care Practice)
 - January 27th
 - Registration is required, currently there is 97 registered and 100 is the cap. Everyone who attends will receive a trauma informed resource book.
- State Contractors
 - Thinking about the expulsion bill and the supports that providers would need.
- Executive Committee
 - Steering committee will be terming off in December 2018 so we need to be intentional about recruitment and orientation of new members. Need to target parents to serve on the committee.
- Public Policy Committee
 - The Governor Brown put some good things into legislation → eliminated a requirement that 50% of CSPP students are 4 years old.
 - Margaret Jerene will speak for the Planning Council and she is willing to talk with others about speaking and sending emails
 - Mary Ann Doan told the group that is important to have parent stories and highlight what is happening programs
- CTKS Update:
 - Sonya Mehta is now operating the program. The program is used to support CTKS teachers in getting units in CD and they get reimbursed. She is currently processing reimbursements for units.
 - Neva Bandelow and Kim Hazard have planned the TK Symposium in early summer for preschool and TK staff and this year we are expanding to Kindergarten teachers
 - The date for the TK Symposium is June 19-21st
 - Registration has not opened up yet.
 - TK teachers, CSSP teachers, and Kindergarten teachers can register for this symposium.
 - CTKS can reimburse for books and tuition.

9. Public Comment – there was no public comment.

Renee S. Herzfeld, Chair of the Early Care & Education Planning Council, adjourned the meeting at 11:29 AM.
Respectfully submitted by Early Care & Education Planning Council Staff.

**Adjourned to: Alameda County Early Care and Education Planning Council Meeting,
Friday, March 16, at Public Health, FHS-Redwood Room, 1100 San Leandro Boulevard, San Leandro
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**