



Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
June 2, 2014
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“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:

Judy Kriege	Steering Committee Member, BANANAS	Jenna Churchman	Co-Chair, Steering Committee Member, SSA
Gayle Larson	Assemblywoman Buchanan	Rory Darrah	Consultant
Margaret Jerene	Steering Committee Member, First 5	Melinda Martin	Consultant, ACOE
Linda Olivenbaum	EBAEYC		

Ellen Dektar, Angie Garling, ECEPC Staff

I. Announcements

Oakland Reads 2020 is creating a School Readiness Plan; a Talk Read and Sing campaign is being launched and there will be a June event at Fairyland; Supervisor Chan is convening meetings to strengthen collaboration to achieve better outcomes for children via War on Poverty; a group of ece experts gave a presentation to the OUSD school board on the importance of ece and it will continue discussions in October.

School Readiness data: will be released in September; OUSD’s report shows that 60% of new kindergartners are “not ready.”

II. Committee Updates

State Contractors reviewed the ECEPC’s new Goldman school graduate student report which made recommendations on how to maximize money for publicly funded child care programs; one member commented that the California Department of Education has been promoting leveraging state preschool funds combined with Alternative Payment (AP) vouchers; *centers need to know more about APs, and vice versa.*

The Interagency Children’s Policy Council (ICPC) worked with another graduate student to conduct a Risk and Reach report which mapped County areas with demographic needs against the areas with health and human services; South and East County rose to the top as priorities in that analysis. *Staff will bring back more detail.*

Melinda reported that the Enrollment and Eligibility task force had a “robust” meeting; the California Department of Education (CDE) staff attempt to simplify fee the Title 5 fee schedule was divorced from how parents use care because in the opinion of some the stakeholders group did not have enough people who



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administer programs. Also, software providers don't know how to accommodate a new schedule. It might be better suited to AP programs than centers that rely on a 6.5 hour day. *The task force will give feedback on implementation issues and the next meeting is on September 25th.*

II. Review, Discuss, and Possibly Take Action on Local, State and/or Federal Legislation and Budget including:

May Revise

- \$5.6 billion in new revenue
- Similar proposals from Women's Caucus, Assembly and Senator Steinberg on increasing ece slots, rates, and quality.
- Community Care Licensing: Senate and Assembly versions propose an April 1, 2015 phase in to increase visits.
- Steinberg also proposes a CPKP program for 4 year olds who are low income=185% of poverty. This would result in 3 public child care programs for people of different income levels and levels of education-Head Start, state, CPKP. It would build the base to allow us to leverage funds for higher quality program from the federal government.

Pros: increased access, \$100 million in quality dollars for teachers, CSPP might encourage teachers to get BA in 5 years; programs might want to meet milestones and obtain higher rate; Preschool Foundations are mandated; CPKP won't have fees; serve more kids between 185 and (CSPP)235%; it supports the field's interest in a mixed delivery system;

Cons: This would result in 3 public child care programs for people of different income levels and levels of education-Head Start, state, CPKP; increased need for local coordination; will reduce 4 year old enrollment in community preschools. Would CPKP displace low income children currently in TK?

Other: Minimum wage increase will reduce impact of any child care augmentations.

The Committee discussed supporting the First Five Association letter supporting Steinberg budget proposal. We've supported similar things so it would not be a new action in a sense because it supports the largest budget amount and emphasizes the importance of quality funding.

The ECEPC was also asked to support a CAPP budget letter: it didn't request the highest dollar amounts and up to today did not address quality. Quality money has been cut by \$40 million since 2008; we are going to need to build back up.

The Committee voted to support endorsing the State First Five letter. In addition, members can also call or write their own letters.



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DSS pilot: Ellen will send the group more information about this budget proposal.

People should also remember to thank the women's caucus! And Assemblywoman Skinner and Senator Hancock.

III. July Agenda: tbd

Next Meeting: Monday, July 7, 2014 6:30pm **4Cs Hayward*



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