

**ALAMEDA COUNTY EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
January 23, 2015**

<b>Steering Committee Members Present:</b>			
Rosemary Almand	Mirella Almaraz	Amapola Beenn	Alexandra Caraballo
Franca Cioria	Kim DiGiacomo	Clarissa Doutherd	Relena Ellis
Diana Engel	Leah Goldsmith	Carmen Gonzalez	Renee Herzfeld
Margaret Jerene	Jean Monroe	Susan Morris	Melanie Mueller
Ramil Rivera	Sandra Rodriguez	Sandra Taylor	Carol Thompson
Veronica Ufoegbune			
<b>Steering Committee Members Absent:</b>			
Margaret Bartelt	Tracey Black	Jenna Churchman	Mary Anne Doan
Carlota Escarez	Carolyn Hobbs	Judy Kriege	Marva Lyons
Laura McNair	Sarah Pollock	Sandi Soliday	Zina Rosen-Simon
<b>General Members Present:</b>			
Claire Bainer	Blue Skies	Rosie Kennedy	Bay Area FCC Network
Melinda Martin	First 5/ACOE	Sue Shepardson	West Ed PITC
<b>Child Care Planning Council Staff Present:</b>			
Angie Garling	Ellen Dektar	Neva Bandelow	Michael Panori
Kim Hazard			

**1. Call to Order**

Veronica Ufoegbune, Chair of the ECE Planning Council, convened the meeting at 8:40 AM at the Ashland Community Room, REACH Ashland Youth Center, 16335 E 14<sup>th</sup> Street, San Leandro.

Veronica welcomed the participants. Attendees introduced themselves and made announcements.

This month's Mystery Member was re-scheduled to the March 20 meeting, due to time constraints.

Veronica introduced Claire Bainer, former Vice Chair of the Planning Council and member of the Steering Committee to say a few words about the life of Alba Witkin, philanthropist and activist, who had recently died at age 95. In appreciation of her ardent and generous support to ECE, the proposal was made to dedicate today's meeting to Ms. Witkin. A motion was introduced to dedicate the meeting to Alba Witkin by Margaret Jerene and seconded by Susan Morris. The motion carried unanimously.

**2. Consent Calendar-Action**

The Minutes for the November 21, 2015 Planning Council meeting and the January 23, 2015 Agenda were approved unanimously. Renee Herzfeld/Relena Ellis

**3. Planning Council Business: Action Items**

- Approve *in concept* a Plan for the QRIS Block Grant and the AB 212 Components of "Quality Counts." Angie Garling directed the attention of the membership to the document "State Preschool QRIS Block Grant Concept Proposal" from the ELC Regional Consortium in the packet and discussed staff recommendations for how to distribute the CSPP allocation among Alameda County sites. Recommended by the State Contractors Group. Motion was carried unanimously.
- Motion to dedicate today's meeting to Alba Witkin. Margaret Jerene/Susan Morris

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

- **ECE Committee:** Melanie Mueller updated the Council on this Committee's activities. The ECE Committee met January 22. The Committee will begin meeting every other month (instead of quarterly). The next meeting will be held March 26, 2015. The future meeting location will be the Alameda County Office of Education in Hayward.
- Rosemary Almand reported on the latest **State Contractors Group**. The group continues to focus on discussing the impact of new funding sources on local programs and preparing for the upcoming voluntary, temporary transfer and a slot survey to provide more current data for our annual zip code priorities. Attendees were encouraged to join at the next meeting on March 19.
- The Executive Committee has not met since the last Planning Council meeting.
- There was no update for the Public Policy committee.

5. **Community and Staff Reports**

- Angie Garling presented a PowerPoint summarizing Federal Budget updates and an update on the Governor's budget.
- Clarissa Doutherd updated the group on **Parent Voices** and announced that Parent Voices will meet on the first Friday of every other month. The next meeting to be on Feb. 6, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at Early Connections.
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6. **Presentation:**

Kim Hazard, Planning Council Staff, presented a YouTube segment and PowerPoint describing the County's Green Child Care Program (Green Ambassadors): Pioneering Environmental Health, Waste Reduction, and Cost Savings for Our Youngest Community Members.

Veronica Ufoegbune, Chair of the Early Care & Education Planning Council, adjourned the meeting at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by Early Care & Education Planning Council Staff.

**Adjourned to: Alameda County Early Care and Education Planning Council Regular Meeting,  
Friday, April 17, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., at ACOE, Hayward**