

**ALAMEDA COUNTY EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
January 24, 2014**

Steering Committee Members Present:			
Rosemary Almand	Margaret Bartelt	Amapola Beenn	Alexandra Caraballo
Jenna Churchman	Elizabeth Crocker	Kim DiGiacomo	Clarissa Doutherd
Relena Ellis	Diana Engel	Leah Goldsmith	Mitchell Ha
Renee Herzfeld	Carolyn Hobbs	Margaret Jerene	Judy Kriege
Marva Lyons	Jean Monroe	Susan Morris	Melanie Mueller
Sarah Pollock	Sandra Rodriguez	Samantha Rogers	Zina Rosen-Simon
Sandra Taylor	Veronica Ufoegbune		
Steering Committee Members Absent:			
Mirella Almaraz	Tracey Black	Franca Cioria	Mary Anne Doan
Diane Engel	Carmen Gonzalez	Laura McNair	Ramil Rivera
Sandi Soliday	Carol Thompson		
General Members Present:			
Alex Boscovich	Supv. Chan	Isabel Cortez	Sen. Hancock's Office
Rory Darrah	Consultant	Usana Hopkins	City of Oakland
Jan Leland	EBAC	Monique Liebrand	LIIF
Melinda Martin	ACOE/First Five	Julianne Martyn	SLZUSD
Karina Rivera	Supv. Chan	Loren Farrar	Help Me Grow/First5
Child Care Planning Council Staff Present:			
Sara Bonetti	Ellen Dektar	Neva Bandelow	Michael Panori
Kim Hazard			

1. Call to Order

Elizabeth Crocker, Chair of the Child Care Planning Council, convened the meeting at 9:05 AM at the Alameda County Public Health, FHS - Redwood Room, 1100 San Leandro Boulevard, San Leandro.

James Robles of the Clerk, Board of Supervisors Office, conducted a swearing-in the new members of the Steering Committee who were in attendance: Alexandra Caraballo, Jenna Churchman, Kim DiGiacomo, Relena Ellis, Leah Goldsmith, Margaret Jerene, Marva Lyons, Jean Monroe, Melanie Mueller, Sarah Pollock, Sandra Rodriguez, and Samantha Rogers.

Attendees introduced themselves and made announcements.

This month's **Mystery Member:** Veronica Ufoegbune, introduced by Mitchell Ha.

2. Consent Calendar-Action

- **Consent Item #1:** Approve the November 15, 2012 minutes and the January 24, 2014 Agenda. Motion passed with one abstention. Veronica Ufoegbune/Mitchell Ha

3. Planning Council Business: Action Items

- **Action Item #1: Support the Elimination of Part-Day State Preschool Fees:** Angie Garling introduced and spoke on this item, which was put forth by both the Public Policy Committee and the State Contractors Group. The Item was approved unanimously with the understanding that more needs to be done in the larger picture, especially regarding the underlying childcare versus education dichotomy. Rosemary Almand/Margie Bartelt
- **Action Item #2: Review Workplan:** This item introduced for review only.

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

- ECE Committee: Mitchel Ha updated and announced the inception of the Quality Inclusion Diversity Workgroup.
- Rosemary Almand and Veronica Ufoegbune updated the State Contractors Group and mentioned that the group was considering a name change to reflect something more inclusive. Veronica said there will be licensing updates by the next meeting.
- Elizabeth Crocker updated the most recent activities of the Executive Committee.
- Ellen Dektar updated the work of the Public Policy Committee.
- Loren Farrar from Help Me Grow of First 5 Alameda County spoke on the “Will They Grow out of It?” campaign. Forms were included in the meeting packet to be sent to HelpMeGrow@First5Alameda.org to request posters and campaign kits.

5. **Communications and Correspondence**

- None recorded for this meeting.

6. **Community and Staff Reports**

- Angie Garling and Ellen Dektar expounded on the January Budget Proposal in the State and Federal Budget Update.
- A QRIS Update was presented by Angie Garling.
- The Parent Voices update was presented by Clarissa Doutherd, who spoke on a new program headed up by Nancy Pelosi and Barbara Lee.
- Kim Hazard spoke on preparation for complying with the new County recycling ordinance and mandatory composting requirements (detailed flyer included in this meeting’s packet).
- Sara Bonetti spoke on Twitter.

7. **Presentation:**

Transitional Kindergarten for All: Understanding SB873 (Steinberg; Kindergarten Readiness Act) and Its Impact on ECE Stakeholders, by Angie Garling and staff. Followed by discussion.

Elizabeth Crocker, Chair of the Child Care Planning Council, adjourned the meeting at 12:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Child Care Planning Council Staff.

**Adjourned to: Alameda County Early Care and Education Planning Council Regular Meeting,
Friday, March 21, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., at Public Health-FHS Redwood Room
1100 San Leandro Blvd., San Leandro, CA**