

Alameda County Child Care Planning Council Public Policy Committee January 11, 2017 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:

Margaret Jerene	Steering Committee, Co- Chair, First Five	Melinda Martin	Consultant
Diana Engel	Steering Committee	Phan Fong	Child Care Links
Jenna Churchman	Steering Committee, Co- Chair, SSA	Rosemary Obeid	4Cs of Alameda County
Lorita Riga	Consultant	Teresa Gonzcy	Consultant
Katie Honegger	4Cs of Alameda County	Judy Kriege	BANANAS

Ellen Dektar, Angie Garling LPC Staff

Action Items from January 11th Meeting:

- Melinda and Lorita will discuss electronic application proposal from Governor's budget with Eligibility Workgroup at 1/25 meeting.
- Alternative Payment (AP) agencies that have relationships with the Social Services Agency (SSA) should encourage them to support an AB 833 clean up bill that would allow, not require, AP agencies to participate.

I. Announcements

• General conversation related to Trump Administration policy changes and local impact.

II. Report out from State Contractors, Other LPC Committees

• No major updates.

III. Federal, State Legislation and Budget

- a) Bonta AB 833 pilot clean up bill: SSA is considering whether it supports the bill.
- b) The group reviewed the Governor's budget proposal and made comments for LPC consideration. It supported three of the policy proposals (electronic application if permissive not a requirement) and had major concerns about the three proposals relating to diluting state subsidized preschool programs to Transitional Kindergarten standards. For instance, 1 adult for 28 children is not a quality ratio that should replace the current 1/6 ratio for preschool. *Oppose the delay of the 2016 budget agreement for wage and preschool space increases.*
- c) There are new legislative budget chairs including Phil Ting and Senator Holly Mitchell which would bode well for ECE. They have been strong past supporters.

IV. Update on Board Visits

• A meeting with Supervisor Valle has been set up and Ellen is scheduling the others.

V. Update RBA Goals

• This item was not addressed.

VI. AB 833/Alameda County Pilot Update

• Contra Costa, Sonoma, Monterey are among the other counties interested in participating in a subsidy pilot.

VII. Develop February Agenda

• No special items were identified beyond the standard agenda items.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 9:30-11:30 **4Cs of Alameda County



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