



Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
October 5, 2016
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, 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
Daryl Hanson	Consultant		

Ellen Dektar, LPC Staff

I. Announcements

- Carol Thompson with Child Care Links will be retiring 12/31. There will be an interim director.
- The new First Five Strategic Plan is being written and will be available October 17th for an October 20th Commission meeting. There will be a \$1.5 million cut to Home Visiting program and a \$1 million cut to QRIS which will be backfilled through other revenue for now.
- Oakland leaders are discussing a preschool for all initiative with the Mayor’s staff visiting models on the East Coast.
- The Hayward Promise Neighborhood Initiative is sunsetting in December! They hope to apply for new funding from the federal government next year and broaden the effort to all of Hayward. They will release their new data on School Readiness soon.

II. Report out from ECEPC Committees

- No major updates other than State Contractors focusing on AB 833 implementation.

III. Federal, State Legislation and Budget

- The GSA Child Care program is asking the County to be ready to sponsor three bills next legislative year:
 - Homeless: a bill to align child development programs with k-12 programs by replacing the Title 5 definition of homeless with the federal McKinney Vento definition which is more inclusive. It includes families doubling up. There is word from the state that the Department of Finance might institute this definition through administrative vs. legislative channels.
 - Someone raised the need for transportation for families that are homeless

- The Committee was in favor of adding homelessness as a priority in the Education Code in addition to low-income children, and children at risk of abuse or neglect. Currently Child Protective Services (CPS) does not define homelessness as at risk. They also thought it would be more politically viable than a more inclusive definition.
 - Jenna noted that there is rapid rehousing funding available for CalWORKs families. The County received \$1.5 million last year.
 - Immunizations: if needed and not sponsored by a statewide group, limit the definition of volunteer to whom three new immunization requirements apply pursuant to SB 792 last year so that they do not apply to any sporadic volunteer but to ongoing volunteers. However, anecdotally we have heard that these immunizations are more than required of health care professionals and school volunteers. Dr. Erica Pan with AC PHD has suggested language modeled on that used for school volunteers for TB shots.
 - AB 833 clean up: revise language to allow Alternative Payment agencies to participate in the pilot, thus allowing parents with vouchers to earn a higher amount of money before having to exit the subsidy. Clarify that preschool eligibility redetermination can be done every 24 months for part day preschool programs.
 - This will impact Quality Counts coaches who spend two hours every two weeks with providers.
 - HUSD as well as FUSD depend on volunteers for ratios.
 - Community Care Licensing is not prepared to implement this.
 - *We should identify spokespeople for hearings.*

IV. Develop Advocacy Strategies and Tools for Planning

- Margaret suggested encouraging the members to meet with their appointers. Members can sign up for “two ways to take action” and be based on our platform and our “Results” and RBA framework.
- *At our next meeting we will start to develop priorities, a calendar, talking points, and training strategies.* We could survey members on what they want to talk about with their appointers. We need to have inputs and outcomes and also have staff customize what is needed in certain areas, for instance, support for family child care in Castro Valley and expanding ece in Oakland.
- Margaret emphasized the importance of dialogue with the Board members and County Superintendent.

V. RBA

- Time did not permit addressing this item.

VI. Discuss Additional Chair for Public Policy Committee

- Since Carol is retiring in December, we will need a new co-chair. Margaret Jerene is interested! Renee will be asked to appoint her.

VII. AB 833/Alameda County Pilot Update

- The changes are well received by the state contractors and now they are developing forms and implementing with Melinda and Lorita Riga. Databases will need to be changed.

VIII. Staff Compensation Forum

- Staff is thinking of having two town hall style meetings in early or mid December in North County and South County with state and possibly elected officials.

IX. Develop November Agenda



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- At some point it would be interesting to review School Readiness by city. This idea was prompted by the availability of new Hayward Promise Neighborhoods data as well as First Five.
- State Contractors should discuss the immunizations proposal.
- We will develop a plan and supportive materials for members meeting with their appointers in early 2017.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 2 9:30-11:30 am **4Cs of Alameda County

