

**ALAMEDA COUNTY CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 15, 2013**

<b>Steering Committee Members Present:</b>			
Mirella Almaraz	Margaret Bartelt	Amapola Beenn	Franca Cioria
Amy Clough	Elizabeth Crocker	Kim DiGiacomo	Clarissa Doutherd
Diana Engel	Mitchell Ha	Judy Kriege	Krishen Laetsch
Gloria Lyons	Grace M-Orenstein	Laura McNair	Robin Michel
Susan Morris	Sandra Taylor	Carol Thompson	
<b>Steering Committee Members Absent:</b>			
Rosemary Almand	Tracey Black	Mary Anne Doan	
Lisa Erickson	Lynette Foy-Linnen	Carmen Gonzalez	Renee Herzfeld
Carolyn Hobbs	Betty Lin	Ramil Rivera	Bobbie Rose
Zina Rosen-Simon	Jennifer Rusinko	Lynda Schwabe	Sandi Soliday
Veronica Ufoegbune	Meher Van Groenou		
<b>General Members Present:</b>			
Margie Costello-Chevis	Las Positas College	Rory Darrah	Consultant
Relena D. Ellis	OUSD/Steering Comm.	Patricia Garcia	Healthy Homes/CDA
Dale Hagen	AC Healthy Homes	Margaret Jerene	First 5/ECEPC St. Com.
Melinda Martin	ACOE/First Five	Melanie Mueller	YMCA-CBA Head Start
Samantha Rogers	ECEPC Steering Committee	Sue Shepardson	West Ed/PITC/PQ
<b>Child Care Planning Council Staff Present:</b>			
Sara Bonetti	Ellen Dektar	Neva Bandelow	Michael Panori

**1. Call to Order**

Elizabeth Crocker, Chair of the Child Care Planning Council, convened the meeting at 9:05 AM at REACH Ashland Youth Center, 16335 East 14<sup>th</sup> St., San Leandro.

Attendees introduced themselves and made announcements.

Seth Kaplan introduced the group to REACH Ashland Youth and summarized its history, activities, and ambitions. At lunch, Seth continued his introduction by giving the group a tour of the facility.

**Extended Introduction:**

**Franca Cioria:** Franca currently directs the Via Nova Children’s School in Berkeley. She has worked in the ECE field for 15 years. As a naturalized citizen (native Italian) who has raised two bilingual children, she is well versed in best principles and practices to foster and support home languages and cultures and bilingual education. She has expertise in the challenges of non-subsidized Title 22 facilities.

**Clarissa Doutherd:** Clarissa also represents the Consumer category in the committee. She serves as Organizer with Parent Voices Oakland and recounted to us the round-about way she wound up there. She brings experience as a parent and consumer of subsidized child care services to our group and the ability to interface with diverse groups of people with differing agendas, backgrounds, and needs.

This month’s **Mystery Member:** Mirella Almaraz, erstwhile object of FBI surveillance.

## 2. Consent Calendar-Action

### • Consent Item #1:

- Approve the September 20, 2013 meeting minutes and the November 15, 2013 Agenda.
- Approve 2014 Meeting Calendar
- Co-sponsor California Center for Research on Women and Families 2014 Women's Policy Summit

Motion passed unanimously. Margie Bartelt/Veronica Ufoegbune

## 3. Planning Council Business: Action Items

- Angie Garling and Elizabeth Crocker welcomed the new Planning Council Members and gratefully acknowledged our outgoing members.
- **Action Item #1: Endorse the Strong Start for America's Children Act and Ask Congressional Delegation to Co-Sponsor:** Angie Garling introduced this motion. The Item was approved unanimously. Veronica Ufoegbune/Susan Morris
- **Action Item #3: Approve Communications Plan:** Robin Michel presented a new communication idea in the form of a newsletter hatched by the Public Policy group. Motion passed unanimously. Mirella Almaraz/Susan Morris

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

- ECE Committee: Mitchel Ha and Neva Bandelow updated recent activities of the ECE Committee.
- Veronica Ufoegbune updated the State Contractors Group and touched on issue of licensing violation for restraining of children.
- Angie Garling updated the most recent activities of the Executive Committee.
- Carol Thompson updated the work of the Public Policy Committee.

## 5. Communications and Correspondence

- None recorded for this meeting.

## 6. Community and Staff Reports

- State and Federal Budget Update was deferred to Year in Review (below)
- A QRIS Update was deferred to Year in Review (below).
- The Parent Voices update was presented by Clarissa Doutherd, who spoke of a parent event with Lori Cox, director of Alameda County Social Services Agency. A Task Force was formed to continue the work.
- Angie Garling (back from maternity leave) thanked staff for their work during her absence.

## 7. Presentation:

Staff presented a Power Point review ("The Year in Review") of the year's activities of the Planning Council.

Elizabeth Crocker, Chair of the Child Care Planning Council, adjourned the meeting at 12:05 PM. Mitchell Ha/Susan Morris

Respectfully Submitted by Child Care Planning Council Staff.

**Adjourned to: Alameda County Early Care and Education Planning Council Regular Meeting,  
Friday, January 24, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., at Public Health-FHS Rosewood Room  
1100 San Leandro Blvd., San Leandro, CA**