

**ALAMEDA COUNTY EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
November 21, 2014**

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

1. Call to Order

Veronica Ufoegbune, Chair of the ECE Planning Council, convened the meeting at 9:06 AM at the Alameda County Public Health, FHS - Redwood Room, 1100 San Leandro Boulevard, San Leandro.

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

Kim Hazard, Greening Preschools Specialist, announced Phase 2 of the Greening Preschools Program: Green Child Care Ambassadors. She went over the benefits of becoming an ambassador: protecting the health of the kids, staff, and planet; complying with all environmental mandates and regulations; saving money and earning a professional development stipend; and being a leader in Green Child Care. For more about the Ambassador program, Kim can be contacted at kim.hazard@acgov.org or (510) 208-9645.

This month's Mystery Member was Melanie Mueller, introduced by Leah Goldsmith.

2. Planning Council Business: Action Items

Approve Planning Council 18-month Workplan and Initiative.

Darci Smith, facilitator of the Steering Committee's 2014 Strategic Planning Retreat, conducted a follow-up session to the retreat, revisiting the purposes and outcomes of the Retreat and the vision of the GSA Office of Early Care & Education. This section of the meeting covered: retreat next steps, key actions/benchmark activities needed, and a summary of initiatives. Members then rotated around the room to the different committee stations to view and comment on the key actions and timelines of the new 18-month Workplan. The item was approved unanimously.

3. **Consent Calendar-Action**

The Minutes for the July 18, 2014 Planning Council meeting and the November 21, 2014 Agenda were approved unanimously.

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

- **ECE Committee:** Neva Bandelow updated the Council on this Committee's activities. The ECE Committee met November 13 and approved the goals of Committee for the next 18 months. The Committee will begin meeting every other month (instead of quarterly). The next meeting will be held January 22, 2015. The future meeting location will be the Alameda County Office of Education in Hayward.
- Veronica Ufoegbune reported on the latest **State Contractors Group**. The group met 9/18, 10/16 and 11/20. 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.
- The Executive Committee has not met since the last Planning Council meeting.
- Jenna Churchman updated the Public Policy Committee's recent activities. The Committee met in October and November. After the retreat, recommended priorities for 2015 include supporting state efforts focused on 0-3 year olds, the local control funding formula, advocating for increased provider rates partially to support increased staff wages, reinstating the Centralized Eligibility List (CEL), and coordinating ECE program(s) with other public benefits such as CalFresh.

5. **Community and Staff Reports**

- Angie Garling presented a summary of the outcomes of the November as well as updates on the State and Federal Budget.
- Angie updated the group on **the Quality Rating and Improvement System**.
- Clarissa Doutherd updated the group on **Parent Voices** and announced that Parent Voices staff has expanded to five people.

6. **Presentation:**

Sara Bonetti presented on how Alameda County children are faring by highlighting parts of the annual Needs Assessment submitted to the state.

Veronica Ufoegbune, Chair of the Early Care & Education Planning Council, adjourned the meeting at 12:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Early Care & Education Planning Council Staff.

**Adjourned to: Alameda County Early Care and Education Planning Council Regular Meeting,
Friday, January 23, 2015, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m., at REACH Ashland Youth Center**