



**Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
November 1, 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 ECE providers and recommending appropriate action to the Planning Council.”

Attendees:

Phan Fong	Child Care Links	Nancy Strohl	Steering Committee
Rosemary Obeid	4Cs of Alameda County	Jennifer Caban	SSA
Margaret Jerene	Co-Chair, Public Policy First Five	LaWanda Wesley	LPC Staff/Coordinator
Lorita Riga	Consultant		

Lawanda Wesley, LPC Staff

Action Items from This Meeting:

- Endorse Child Care for Working Families Act via the Steering Committee
- Federal Appropriations - Write a letter to representatives based on federal principles made available early December, as well as monitor
- Tax Proposals – write federal reps opposing the budget due to impacts on moderate and low income families
- Ask for the Steering Committee to approve supporting AB 540 Alternative Payment programs reimbursement rate increases
- Ask for the Steering Committee to support Alameda County ECE initiatives and write a letter asking for BOS to support.

I. Introductions and Announcements

- Rosemary shared updates about the training and coaching requirements the Foster Care Bridge. DSS sent email correspondence to R&R Executive Directors about augmentation to vouchers, navigation and trauma training. SSA holds this initiative and will be developing a MOU with the R&Rs. R&Rs are challenged with expending funds and need to develop a plan accordingly.
- Margaret shared centers serving large immigrant populations don’t want to be highlighted or give information because of ICE concerns. This is statement about the current federal policies.
- Both Gavin Newsom and Delaine Eastin support the Choose Child Care initiative
- Jennifer shared two versions of SSA public policy tracking documents, short and comprehensive versions. Jennifer stated she will begin to share the comprehensive version with the Committee.

II. Report Out from State Contractors, Other ECEPC Committees

- State Contractors

- Lorita stated the State Contractors committee celebrated the passing of AB 435 Pilot that contained the clean up language for Alameda County. CDE attempted to veto/repeal it due to its complexity but they were not successful. San Mateo and S.F. added 24 month eligibility to their existing pilots which they did not have before. It is not mandatory for Stage 1 to be included in the pilot, but there's thinking we should include it to help better stabilize families. However, we need to examine if there are cost pressures of including Stage 1 in the pilot.
- Sonoma County – 100 providers lost their homes in the North Bay fires. Pop up child care was provided for families in need but licensing still required fingerprinting.
- Renovation Funds – Lorita shared this is still a loan but can be used for repairs. This policy change may be influenced due to the North Bay Fires. We need to learn more about FEMA's priorities for serving disaster areas.
- Temporary Child Development permits- Counties may provide temporary permits for renewal and upgrades. Contra Costa county provides initial and upgrades. We need to learn more about Alameda County's policy/process around this and contact April Alvarez and/or Neva Bandelow . This could address workforce staff shortages.
- AB 752 Preschool Expulsion & Suspension Bill – this bill was sponsored by Kidango and will take affect next year. The author Rubio and Kidango are working with DSS, CCL, CDE and CCDA to align efforts. It was suggested that listening sessions be held for providers.
- ECE Quality Committee
 - The ECE Quality Committee has planned and scheduled the Trauma Inform Care Symposium Part 2 address everyday classroom challenges and implementation of promising practices. The event will be held Saturday, January 27 at ACOE from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm.
 - The Committee is continuing its Institute of Medicine 13 policy recommendations.

III. Review, Discuss and Possibly Take Action on Local, State and/or Federal Legislation and Budget

- Child Care for Working Families Act,
 - Nancy provided an overview of this act with summary bullets and Children Now summary handout. Some implications include, but not limited to:
 - v. CCDBG amending so that no family under 150% of SMI would pay more than 7% of their income for child care
 - vi. Co-Sponsors of this act include Senators Harris and Feinstein and Representatives Lee, Khanna (not by Swalwell; there are 44 co-sponsors in the House and 26 in the Senate
 - vii. Numerous national and state organizations have endorsed
 - viii. Recommend: Endorse Bill, write sponsors and thank them and contact Rep Swalwell to endorse, if he has not done so yet.
- Federal Appropriations
 - 2018 Federal Appropriations – write letter based on federal principles
 - Federal Government funded through 12/8/17.
 - Negotiations for spending bill include DACA, CHIP, ACA subsidies and other issues.
 - Plan: monitor, write letter to federal representatives using federal principles in early December
- Tax Proposal
 - House markup and passage of Reconciliation Bill and Senate markup and passage of Reconciliation Bill Rep goal before Holiday Break
 - Three Components:



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- v. Big tax cuts to wealthy and corporations (80% to top 1% by 2027)
- vi. Little help may harm low and moderate income families – so-called wage boost not likely per most economists
- vii. Will add at least \$1.5B over 10 years to deficit and force cuts in long run to critical programs
 - o Plan: Write federal Reps opposing budget due to impacts on moderate and low income families and federal investments in families including ECE and other childcare based on federal principles
- State legislative update
 - o The Public Policy Committee would like the Steering Committee Consider supporting AB 540 (Mullin)
- Alameda County ECE Initiative
 - o There was a discussion about the difference between “educating” and “advocacy” and what is allowable on one’s own personal time vs. work. Nancy shared there are some regulations about what is acceptable and what is not.
 - o The Public Policy Committee would like to support the County ECE initiatives and make this an action item for the Steering Committee to consider.

VII. AB 833 Pilot Update

It is not mandatory for Stage 1 to be included in the pilot, but there’s thinking we should include it to help better stabilize families. However, we need to examine if there are cost pressures of including Stage 1 in the pilot

VIII. Next Meeting Agenda

TBD

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 9:30-11:30 **4Cs of Alameda County
