



Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
February 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 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
Neva Bandelow	Steering Committee, ACOE	Rosemary Obeid	4Cs of Alameda County
Lorita Riga	Consultant	Pauline McCarthy	4Cs of Alameda County

Ellen Dektar, Lawanda Wesley LPC Staff

Action Items from February 1st Meeting:

- At their next meeting, State Contractors should discuss:
 - Policies related to INS and special work with immigrant families to connect them with resources
- ECE committee should discuss: CSFLL and increased social emotional training and other strategies for staff to try to decrease expulsion of boys of color;
- Support AB 60
- Share the CCW workforce study with Committee when available
- The LPC should plan with others a forum for Latino and immigrant families and child care providers on their rights in light of new national policy
 - First Five had a forum with immigration lawyers
 - INS not supposed to go into early learning programs without a court order
 - In San Francisco, 5 INS agents recently tried to enter a facility
 - We should find model center polices; perhaps there is one at centers such as De Colores

I. Announcements

- Neva announced upcoming CPIN trainings through the County Office of Education

II. Report out from State Contractors, Other LPC Committees

- State Contractors focused on the Governor’s 2017-2018 budget, preschool expulsions, and AB 212 “realignment.” Causal factors contributing to disproportionate preschool expulsion could include: emphasis on academics vs. social emotional or dramatic play; preschools demand too much sitting still; over-feminization of teaching staff; different brain development in boys and girls; align TK and prek—train TK in foundations and frameworks

III. Federal, State Legislation and Budget

- CA budget:
 - 10% was promised for SRR starting July 1
 - Part day state preschool for children with exceptional needs that disregards income may intensify demand for spaces. These children would receive treatment similar to those in the Child Protective Services systems.
- Statewide pilot bill: Mullin was going to carry a bill to make the pilot permissive statewide but has received strong resistance from Child Care Law Center and Resource and Referral Network and other advocates on the grounds that it competes with the Women’s Caucus Proposal and does not apply to CalWORKs recipients (which theoretically could be changed by asking SSA to enable it to apply to Stage 1. But this would also increase pressure on resources).
- County SEIU proposal for \$17 million
 - Unions can oppose DRDP and other quality measures due to desire for extra time to implement them
 - The Committee will consider supporting this proposal at our next meeting
 - Ellen distributed a possible overview of the proposal provided at a recent All In Alameda County event
- Oakland parent survey and ACECPC feedback:
 - Parent Voices did a parent driven survey with over 600 responses and formal results will be released shortly
 - Parents feel vouchers are difficult to use
 - Most use family friend and neighbor care because they don’t have access to subsidies
 - Parents support Parent Cafes
 - There is a shortage of child care
 - ACECPC is interested in a single application; Melinda says there is one but it is still cumbersome; New York also has one for Preschool for All efforts.

IV. Update on Board Visits

- List of follow up items from Board visits:
 - Valle: Eden Youth Center child care facility design; LPC outreach to Board of Supervisors encouraging them to allocate \$2 million annually to each district and out of that amount expend some funds on homeless child care proposal; he will visit St.Vincent’s Day Home with Kate Shaheed.

V. Update RBA Goals

- Joint presentations to school boards with ACOE and possibly First Five on importance of investing/supporting ECE including:
 - Train TK teachers in Foundations and Frameworks (state training money for training but not sub teachers for those being trained).

VI. Workforce Study

- Preliminary results were shared from survey of over 6600 Alameda County ECE providers
- They measured responses by race and teaching position and program “auspices” (Title 5, private Title 22, etc.)
- Wages continue to be low although education has increased over the past ten years
- Adult well being is a real concern: more than half respondents were concerned about food, with even more concerned about housing and paying monthly bills

VII. AB 833/Alameda County Pilot Update



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VIII. Develop March Agenda

- Add and prioritize 2017 strategies to influence performance measures
 - Possible work could address supporting Latino students.
 - Development of a local “scholarship” program modeled on San Francisco program to support provider wages
 - LCFF (see V, above)
- Consider supporting SEIU proposal. They should make a presentation (?).
- ACECPC priorities for ECE? Single app?

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

