



Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
February 7, 2018
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“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:

Paulene McCarthy	4Cs of Alameda County	Lorita Riga	Consultant
Margaret Jerene	First Five, Steering Committee	Rosemary Obeid	4Cs of Alameda County
Relena Ellis	Steering Committee	Jennifer Caban	SSA

Ellen Dektar, Staff

Action Items:

- Sort Learning Policy Institute (LPI) recommendations into categories: those we support, don't, support, or those that need further refinement
- Map Alameda County ECE system using LPI template and add Social Services Agency
- March Planning Council should address Oakland Initiative
- Focus legislative staff appreciation breakfast on school board members and determine how Planning Council members can educate school boards on impact of initiative on their operations

I. Announcements

A family child care network is being built with national BUILD training and support. SEIU, ECE Program staff Rozy Jhinnu, Margaret Jerene, and 4-5 family child care providers are part of the County team. There is also a Kern team. There will be webinars and consulting through May 31st.

II. Report out from LPC Committees

- State Contractors: discussed last year's (anti) expulsion bill AB 752 which was signed by the Governor. They want to have an expulsion bill task force to present a plan for more state support of classrooms to Kidango, the bill sponsor. The committee distinguished between mental and behavioral supports. OUSD used behavioral consultants who provided coaching to staff and reduced expulsions by about 70%. Some expulsions result from centers fear of retaining children with behavioral problems and then receiving Type A violation citations from Community Care Licensing.

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

- Support AB 1754
- Watch SB 837 which would expand TK. Raise quality concerns about ratios, teacher qualifications. TK was not income based. Schools already have Child Development Centers (CDC)s. Concern about TK being watered down kindergarten.

- AB 11 developmental screening: Support because developmental screening happens in child care programs. Relena concerned that teachers will be required to fill out more forms and have less face to face time with children. Tell Quality Counts quarterly advisory committees that we need more support for developmental screenings but we need the state to fund navigators to help families navigate system.
- AB 605: supporting already (2 year bill)
- Budget Proposal for Special Inclusion Program would:
 - fund high need areas based on LPC needs assessments;
 - require a financial sustainability plan
 - could include set aside for inclusive professional development;
 - could fund one time infrastructure costs—facilities,
- Initiatives
 - Oakland recently expanded ages that could be served by revenue to infants and toddlers and added some family support language;
 - May still need signature gathering vs. mayor and city putting it on the ballot;
 - Planning Council should have a presentation on the Oakland Initiative in mid March

IV. Foster Care and Homeless Program Update

- The resource and referral agencies are hiring for both programs. The target start date for the Homeless Child Care navigator is in early March.

V. AB 833 Implementation Update

- No major update.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 9:30—11:30 am **4Cs of Alameda
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