

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

Steering Committee Members Present:			
Margaret Bartelt	Amapola Beenn	Tracey Black	Kim DiGiacomo
Relena Ellis	Diana Engel	Carlota Escarez	Leah Goldsmith
Carmen Gonzalez	Renee Herzfeld	Margaret Jerene	Judy Kriege
Marva Lyons	Jean Monroe	Melanie Mueller	Sarah Pollock
Sandra Rodriguez	Zina Rosen-Simon	Sandi Soliday	Sandra Taylor
Carol Thompson	Veronica Ufoegbune		
Steering Committee Members Absent:			
Rosemary Almand	Mirella Almaraz	Alexandra Caraballo	Jenna Churchman
Franca Cioria	Elizabeth Crocker	Mary Anne Doan	Clarissa Doutherd
Mitchell Ha	Carolyn Hobbs	Laura McNair	Susan Morris
Ramil Rivera	Samantha Rogers		
General Members Present:			
Aisha Brown	Supervisor Carson	Jennifer Caban	Raising a Reader
Monique Liebhard	LIIF	Melinda Martin	ACOE/First Five
Karina Rivera	Supv. Chan's Office	Sue Shepherdson	WestEd
Child Care Planning Council Staff Present:			
Sara Bonetti	Ellen Dektar	Neva Bandelow	Michael Panori
Kim Hazard			

1. Call to Order

Veronica Ufoegbune, Chair-elect of the ECE Planning Council, convened the meeting at 9:10 AM at the Alameda County Public Health, FHS - Redwood Room, 1100 San Leandro Boulevard, San Leandro.

Attendees introduced themselves and made announcements.

Melanie Mueller presented an extended introduction. Melanie has worked past six years as Manager of the Early/Head Start program in Berkeley. She completed the Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education at San Francisco State University. She is part of the Early Learning Challenge Advisory Committee and planning for the QRIS system. Brings knowledge of blended and braided funding (Federal and State) to the Council.

This month's **Mystery Member:** Margie Bartelt, introduced by Veronica Ufoegbune.

2. Consent Calendar-Action

- **Consent Item #1:** Approve the January 24, 2014 minutes and the March 21, 2014 Agenda.
- **Consent Item #2:** Approve Change to Planning Council 2014 Calendar.
Motion passed unanimously. Relena Ellis/Margie Bartelt

3. Planning Council Business: Action Items

- **Action Item #1: Support AB 1454 (Calderon): Annual Licensing Visits:** Angie Garling introduced and spoke on this item, which was put forth by the Public Policy Committee. The Item was approved unanimously. *Recommended by the Public Policy Committee*
- **Action Item #2: Support Letter to Senator Steinberg Regarding Specific SB 837 Priorities and Concerns:** The Item was approved unanimously. *Recommended by the Public Policy Committee*

- **Action Item #3:** Review Workplan. This Item (for review only) put off until next meeting.

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

- **ECE Committee:** Neva Bandelow updated the Council on this Committee's activities, including the formation of the new Quality, Inclusion, and Diversity Workgroup.
- Angie Garling notified the Council that the **State Contractors Group** will meet on March 27, rather than March 20, which was thought to be unfortunately scheduled between the Legislative Staff Breakfast and the Planning Council Meeting.
- The **Executive Committee** did not meet this period: no report.
- Carol Thompson updated the Council on the work of the **Public Policy Committee**, which has been much taken up with Transitional Kindergarten issues and with the annual Legislative Staff Appreciation Breakfast, this year held at REACH Ashland Youth Center.

5. **Communications and Correspondence**

- None recorded for this meeting.

6. **Community and Staff Reports**

- Angie Garling and Ellen Dektar presented on the Governor's January Budget Proposal in the State and Federal Budget Update.
- Neva Bandelow updated the Council on the activities of the Quality Rating and Improvement System.
- The Parent Voices update was presented by Melinda Martin.
- Coordinators Report was presented by Angie Garling.

7. **Presentation:**

Sue Shepherdson of West Ed discussed the Program for Infant Toddler Care (PITC). Brochures and flyers were offered elucidating the program's services. Visit the Web page at www.pitc.org.

Veronica Ufoegbune, Chair-elect of the Early Care & Education Planning Council, adjourned the meeting at 12:06 PM. Margie Bartelt/Diana Engel

Respectfully Submitted by Early Care & Education Planning Council Staff.

**Adjourned to: Alameda County Early Care and Education Planning Council Regular Meeting,
Friday, May 16, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., at Public Health-FHS Redwood Room
1100 San Leandro Blvd., San Leandro, CA**